Ballyclare High School
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Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOL FUND
While the school receives funding from the Education Authority, this only meets basic educational requirements. Our School Fund supports a wide range of life-enhancing opportunities regardless of each child's abilities, talents, background and disposition, to enhance their educational experience.

Annual donations to the School Fund from our parents/carers are a vital source of revenue. They help us provide a wide range of opportunities for all our pupils above and beyond the requirements of the statutory curriculum.

Unlike many grammar schools that request annual parental contributions of £400 - £750, Ballyclare High School maintains a more inclusive and affordable approach. School Fund is £95 per year for the first child and £80 for each additional child.

Some examples of how our School Fund has been used to support pupils are listed below:

- new computer equipment for pupils
- modern ICT resources for every classroom
- investment in library resources
- specialist pastoral services e.g. Action Mental Health
- new musical resources
- sports coaching
- enhancements to our learning environment
- repair of outdoor learning areas
- competition entries
- pupil and parent induction programmes
- investment in revision programmes
- sixth form enrichment classes
- provision of stationery
- print credits – each pupil allocated 100% of their year group's average spend (based on 2024-25 figures)
- water coolers

You will be asked to contribute to School Fund at the start of each school year via iPay, our online payment system; however, pupils may bring cash or a cheque to their form tutor.

UK taxpayers can boost their donations by 25% at no extra cost through **Gift Aid**. https://ballyclarehigh.co.uk/gift-aid/ The school expresses deep gratitude for continued community support in nurturing all our pupils to be their very best.

We continue to work hard to make the most of all available resources; but with inflation, managing the budget is challenging. Without the support of School Fund, we simply would not be able to deliver the type of school experience which all our pupils deserve, and which is so instrumental in helping them to develop into the young adults that we are so proud of.

Kind regards

Mrs Karen Wilson
Bursar

Ballyclare High School Foundation (NI01237)
Gift Aid Declaration

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

☐ **I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Ballyclare High School Foundation Ltd.**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Pupil _____ **Class** _____

Parents/Carers details

Title _____ **First name or initials** _____

Surname _____

Address _____

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Postcode _____ **Date** _____

Signature _____

Please notify the charity if you:

- **want to cancel this declaration**
- **change your name or home address**
- **no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains**

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please return this form completed to Mrs Karen Wilson:
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