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Dear Parents/Carers

The Governors and staff at The Ramsey Academy are continually looking at ways to develop and improve the school. We are proud of the welcoming and stimulating learning environment that we provide for our children. Many developments to date have greatly enhanced the school building and facilities, including the Library and Learning Centre, fitness suite, refurbished classrooms and improved ICT facilities. We have a rolling programme to enhance the learning environment even further. We are currently upgrading the heating system in many parts of the school and the next priority is to improve the facilities in the science laboratories.

We also feel it important to offer a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities. These activities allow students to experience social, cultural and educational experiences that are not available during normal lessons.

Unfortunately, as is well documented in the press, we have seen a reduction in funding over the last few years and we do not have the resources to enable us to pay for all the improvements or activities from the school's main budget. Currently, staffing accounts for 83.55% of our income which leaves only 16.45% to cover all supplies and services including energy.

For the first time we would like to introduce a voluntary Curriculum Enrichment Fund, with the specific aim of improving our facilities and enrichment programme. Any money raised will make a real difference to our school.

Therefore, at the beginning of each academic year, we will invite all families to make a voluntary contribution of £20. Anyone who is unable to make this level of donation is welcome to make a smaller contribution. Of course, families are also free to donate a larger amount if circumstances allow. If you wish to make a voluntary contribution to the Curriculum Enrichment Fund, payment can be made via our online payment system SCOPay: please also complete the **Donation Form** below and return to school.

I would like to thank you in anticipation of your generosity and for your support. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have further ideas about how we can use and develop The Ramsey Academy Curriculum Enrichment Fund via the Parent Voice Group which meets once per term.

Yours faithfully

Rob James
Headteacher

To: Mr James, The Ramsey Academy, Halstead

Student Name

Tutor Group

I/We would like to make a voluntary contribution of £..... to the Curriculum Enrichment fund and confirm this amount has been paid via SCOPay.

Signed

Date

Parent/Carer