



23 October 2008

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Specialist School Capital Grant

From September 2008 all specialist schools that have successfully been re-designated will have the opportunity to access a £25k capital fund if they can match this to renew facilities and equipment; and to enhance learning at Tarporley High School.

As you will be aware Tarporley High School and Sixth Form College is not able to access many of the funding streams that schools in more urban areas do. Despite this the school has a proven track record of making the most of the funding that it receives to improve the facilities available to our students and the community. One opportunity to access such funding is the Specialist School programme which delivered a capital grant during our first phase of designation of £100,000 which the school succeeded in match funding thanks to our fundraising and the generosity of parents and local businesses.

Tarporley is now in the process of being re-designated and there is a further opportunity to receive £25,000 of extra capital funding from the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). To access this the school must raise £25,000 in sponsorship. This must be made up of a minimum £10,000 in cash but can also include £15,000 of contributions in kind in the form of relevant goods or services. The sponsorship must be unconditionally pledged and not related to any direct commercial benefit for the sponsor or a related business.

I am therefore writing to ask whether parents would be able to offer support in the shape of a pledge of sponsorship to the high school. Any pledge is gratefully received no matter how large or small. All pledges will go towards the matching funding for this scheme and will be used by the school to enhance the facilities that your child uses. If you are able to support the school by pledging an amount towards the specialist school capital fund please complete the attached tear off slip and return to the school office.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for any assistance you can give us so that we can access additional funding for our students.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SARAH LEE

Headteacher

I wish to support Tarporley High and Sixth Form College by pledging _____ towards the school's redesignation capital grant.

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