Victoria Park
Infant School

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12th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm reaching out to see if you can support our fundraising efforts to help us with PE provision in school, sports travel to events and opportunities.

The Government recently announced that funding currently designated specifically for School Sport will not be available from December 2026.This will have a huge impact on the Sport and Physical Education (PE) opportunities that can be provided for pupils in our school.

The current provision, known as the School Sports Premium, allows us to allocate funding to extend and enhance what we would normally be able to offer through the timetabled curriculum PE lessons. The current funding arrangements allow us to employ specialist teachers and coaches in many different sports, enter competitions and attend Multi Skills events provided by the likes of Liverpool F. C. and Lancashire Cricket Club, to name but a few.

The impact of the removal of the School Sports Premium funding will greatly reduce the additional opportunities we provide. Without raising funds, we will not be able to employ specialists, compete in competitions or attend Multi Sports events.

During this academic year we have had success in events, including:

17 gold medallists at the Trafford Schools Gymnastics competition
Silver medal in the Liverpool F.C. football tournament.
Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in cross country events.

Our mission is to take every child in year one and two to an event outside of the school venue. This has always been achieved and the children love being selected.

The confidence, sense of achievement and pride which children feel when selected to represent school in competitions or festivals is fabulous to see. We do not want to lose this important part of the wider opportunities and experiences for our pupils. It is also important to continue to continue to provide free activities such as Year 2 girls football classes at lunchtime. Many girls have moved on to grass roots clubs following this opportunity.

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Over the years of the School Sport Premium we have built a specialist team of staff: Mr Shingler, Fusion gymnastics, Kortnie our dance teacher and SIS football coaching. These colleagues give the children the best PE and Sports experience we could possibly wish for, working alongside our staff. We do not want to lose this team, but the withdrawal of the funding from December 2026 will give us little option.

We can't do this on our own. Please can we ask if you would consider asking family, friends, and work colleagues to sponsor your child? If you have a workplace that may want to donate sports equipment or be a sponsor on new football kits, netball kits and hoodies this would be hugely helpful. We are in the process of making a 'wish list' should any company wish to sponsor a particular activity. Please email Mrs Gill fgill@victoriaparkinf.co.uk directly.

As you would expect, we are trying to be ahead of the curve to replace this funding. We have planned a big fundraising event **on Monday 22nd June 2026** revolving around the World Cup. Going forwards, with your help we will start to raise funds for ourselves to continue as much of the additional programme as we can.

We have approached local businesses to get some prizes for the children and aim to have a rotation of activities: football darts, penalty shoot outs and football bouncy castles as well as water pistol dribbling, making it a fun festival of footballing events. These fun World Cup events will take place throughout the day for all children in school. Staff will be getting involved by doing a sponsored netball shoot to raise money too!

Children can wear sports kits, bright t-shirts or football tops with comfortable bottoms e.g. leggings or jogging bottoms to celebrate the day (whatever is comfortable).

Your child will be coming home today with a sponsor form, any donation would be gratefully received.

We have the best Sport and PE provision anyone could wish for with the biggest range of clubs and sporting experiences available to our pupils. It is a big part of what we offer Victoria Park Infants that, with your help, we hope we can continue. As always, we appreciate and are grateful for your help! Thank you.

**Kind regards,**
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