



# The Willink School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to let you know about the launch of the Willink Charitable Trust.

Over the past year, the senior staff and governors have been looking at ways to provide additional financial support to the school with particular emphasis on large capital projects. Over recent years the amount that the school is given for capital development has been cut by 80% and now means that we can only do the very most urgent repairs etc. Although the Willink is a West Berkshire School, The Local Authority is also facing financial challenges and so it was decided that we needed to do something proactive ourselves.

The Willink Charitable Trust will be registered with the Charities Commission in due course. The "Object of the Trust" is "The advancement of Education for the Public benefit with particular emphasis on the Willink School (Burghfield Common) and its local community".

The Trustees are:

Mrs Kate Bessant, Governor

Mrs Alison Richardson, Governor

Mr Peter Fry, Headteacher

Mrs Jane Bell, Governor

Mr John Cornwell, Governor

Mrs Jane Carpenter, School Business Manager

We are very grateful to the Willink PTA for the support they provide to the School and the Trust will work alongside the PTA to enrich our students' school experience.

We have already identified 2 major projects for the Trust to support in the next 2 years:

## 1. Phased Refurbishment of the Design Technology Area

New equipment and systems are required to support the current and forthcoming curriculum in this Department.

## 2. Phased Refurbishment of the Business Block to create a new "Information and Media Block"

The development of the new Computing course and the expansion of the Media related courses necessitate better, more modern and course specific equipment and layout



The Trustees will be approaching local businesses and other organisations for financial and practical support. We will also apply for grants and other funding sources and "Charitable Status" will give us access to many sources that we had previously been unable to approach.

As well as larger donors we would like to invite parents and carers, past pupils, members of the local community and other interested parties to support the School and the Trust in a number of ways, both financial and practical. The attached questionnaire asks for your opinions on the work of the trust and provides some suggestions as to how you can get involved.

If you have any questions or suggestions that you would like to share with the Trustees please contact us via Mrs Jane Carpenter, Trustee and School Business Manager on 0118 983 2030 or [jcarpenter@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:jcarpenter@willink.w-berks.sch.uk).

We are very optimistic about this new venture and look forward to enhancing and enriching our student and staff experience at the Willink School.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the Trustees,



p.p · Mrs Kate Bessant, Governor



Mr Peter Fry, Headteacher

Willink School Charitable Trust

Parental Questionnaire November 2014

1. Projects

Apart from the 2 projects already identified (Design Technology and Information and Media), what other projects would you like the Trust to consider for support?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Local Companies

Do you have any contacts with local companies that we could approach for either practical or financial help? Please give details.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you manage a local company? Would you like to get involved with developments at the Willink School? If yes, please give your contact details here.

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4. Would you be willing to make regular or a one-off donation to the Willink Charitable Trust to support developments at the School? If yes, please provide your contact details here and we will get back to you.

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5. Is there any other way that you would like to get involved or any other information that you would like?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this questionnaire to Mrs Jane Carpenter, Trustee and School Business Manager, at School or [jcarpenter@willink.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:jcarpenter@willink.w-berks.sch.uk) or contact her, on 0118 983 2030.