



Friends of Langtree School

Please complete and return the form below so we can reclaim Gift Aid on your donation from HMRC plus the standing order mandate to set up a regular monthly payment to the Friends of Langtree School. Please print these off as separate documents (not back to back) and return as hard copies marked for the attention of the finance office at Langtree School.

		I would like to Gift Aid all future donations to School (please tick box)	
<p><i>Gift Aid can be reclaimed by us from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a UK taxpayer.</i></p> <p>I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.</p> <p>I want to Gift Aid any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to Langtree School.</p>			
Signature		Date	

Please notify us 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.

Title	
Forename(s)	
Surname	
Address – Line 1	
Address – Line 2	
Address - Town	
Postcode	
Email	

To the Manager of (your bank)	
Address (it is essential we have the full address as we will send the form to your bank).	
Postcode	
Please pay	The Langtree School Academy Trust Company
Account name	The Langtree School Academy Trust Company
Sort code	30 96 96
Account number	51590868
The sum of:	
Amount in words:	
First payment date:	
And thereafter on the same day of the month for:	<input type="text"/> years OR Until further notice (please complete/delete as applicable)
My bank sort code	
My account number	
My account name	
Signature	
Date	
Please quote reference (Friends of Langtree School will add this information)	

Please return this form to The Langtree School Finance Office so we can add a reference number before sending on to your bank.

If you have any queries, please email: finance@langtreeschool.com in the first instance.

Thank you for supporting Langtree School

The Langtree Academy Trust Company is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales under company number 07980335. The company address is: Langtree School, Reading Road, Woodcote, Reading RG8 0RA.

Dear Parent / Carer

As we move forwards at Langtree School it is with a continued sense of optimism and excitement for very good reason: our GCSE outcomes have improved steadily for many years; we have been given yet another national award for KS4 progress; and Langtree has received a glowing Ofsted report which places the school 'on the cusp of being outstanding'. At a time of considerable political turmoil and financial uncertainty, Langtree continues to go from strength to strength.

Funding to schools continues to be extremely tight and, as a small school, Langtree will inevitably face significant financial challenges in the future. In real terms, school funding has decreased since 2010, since when schools have been funded on a 'flat cash' basis which means that the funding per pupil has remained static and has not kept pace with inflation. Consequently, in spite of what all politicians may claim, schools are simply being told to 'do more with less'.

During the consultation process over fair funding, many parents contacted the school to ask how they might be able to help further and more directly to safeguard the quality of provision at Langtree into the future. It is those very encouraging suggestions and requests that have prompted this letter to you all.

One of the ways which would help us to maintain the current level of provision is through the introduction of a voluntary parental contribution to Langtree School. We are therefore following the precedent set by other local schools by inviting our supportive parental community to consider making an annual voluntary parental contribution to the school. For example a donation of just £30 would equate to only £5 per term, which would appear to be very good value given all the additional benefits students at Langtree enjoy, including free access to 'Show My Homework', 'GCSE Pod' and 'Kerboodle'. However, it would be up to parents and carers themselves how much they chose to donate.

Please note that the request is for a **voluntary** contribution, we are sensitive to the pressures on families in challenging financial circumstances, and we respect that a contribution at this time might not be possible for all.

Alternatively, parents may want to consider joining a number of families in our school community who already subscribe to our monthly covenanting scheme, 'The Friends of Langtree School' (formerly known as 'The Langtree Hundred'). By this method, parents choose to donate a sum of money each month, by Direct Debit. This scheme has been in place since 1997, when the school was faced with closure, and has since raised a significant amount of money to support a wide range of additional equipment and resources for many cohorts of students for twenty years. If you would like to find out more about the scheme, please contact a member of our finance team: finance@langtreeschool.com Alternatively, you can visit the website and look for 'The Friends of Langtree' in the Community Area.

All donations, whether a one off payment of a monthly contribution, can be Gift Aided, which means that the government will add an additional 25% of the value of the donation to the school in tax relief. This is applicable as long as the donor has paid at least as much in income tax or capital gains tax in the same tax year as the school will claim back in Gift Aid. Please indicate if you would like to Gift Aid your donation when you make your payment on line. You will need to complete a Gift Aid donation form which is within this leaflet or available on the school website: www.langtreeschool.com/friends-of-langtree

Donations can be made in cash, by cheque – payable to "Langtree School", or preferably either direct into the school bank account (details overleaf) or via the "PLEASE PAY HERE" link on the front page of the school website, select the school donation option, or by completing a standing order mandate which should be returned to the school.

I do hope that you appreciate the spirit in which this request has been made, and I also hope that you feel able to support our request to ensure the quality of educational provision for your sons and daughters for the time they study with us at Langtree. Please be assured that we will continue to work extremely hard to ensure that we continue to do even more with less, and to safeguard the educational future of your child at a time of considerable challenge to education and to all public services.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bamford
Headteacher