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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, we are living in economically challenging times, both with the cost of living for our families and in funding for public sector organisations, including schools. For many years, our School Association has played a vital role in subsidising our school budget with funds raised from their events, allowing us to buy so many of the 'extras' that make Chesterton such an interesting and engaging environment for our pupils. From interactive screens, to climbing frames, playground equipment to reading books (and much more besides), we are hugely indebted to their donations. This year, we are particularly focussing on upgrading our performing arts equipment, including staging, lighting and sound system.

Given the significant pressures on our budget currently, myself, the Governors and the School Association have been considering ways in which we can increase our revenue in order to maintain the level of experience and environment that Chesterton is able to offer.

We would like to offer different means for parents, other family members, friends of the school or local residents to donate directly to the School Association. As mentioned above, we appreciate the financial pressures facing our families, so there is obviously no obligation to do this, but we are aware that some members of our school community would be interested to support the school in this way.

If you feel able to help, there are three ways to do this:

- 1. Via the 'Donate to School Association' button on your ScoPay account. School can claim Gift Aid automatically for any donation under £30. If you would like to make a larger donation and would like the school to claim Gift Aid, please go to Option 2.
- 2. Via the QR code on the front page of the school website, which will take you directly to our donation page at Givey.com. Or via the link below:

https://www.givey.com/chestertonprimaryschoolperformingartsproject

3. Set up a standing order to the School Association. Please contact the school office or the School Association (chestertonschoolassociation@outlook.com) for details of this and any other queries you may have.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone else who may be interested in supporting Chesterton Primary School in this way. We are currently focussing on improving our Performing Arts resources (more details available on our donation page).

Thank you in advance for anything that you are able to contribute.

Kind regards, Mr Horner, The Governors and The School Association

