



WOODHALL SCHOOL



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HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SUPPORTING A PRIMARY SCHOOL LOCATED IN AN AREA OF DEPRIVATION?

WE COULD BE YOUR PERFECT FIT!

Woodhall is a one-form entry primary school located on South Oxhey – an area currently undergoing exciting and extensive redevelopment. We are a school with a strong community ethic and our work encompasses not just the pursuit of academic achievement but also providing significant social, emotional and mental well-being support for our children and their families; the majority of whom live in an area of deprivation (notably in the categories of Education & Skills; and Income Deprivation affecting Children: see Indices of Deprivation statistics)

Currently, 34% of our pupils fall into the 'disadvantaged' category, 25% have English as a second language and 21% have Special Education Needs (SEN). Staff at Woodhall are highly committed to the community that we serve and we all strive to achieve the very best for our children; ensuring that they have the knowledge and skills across all subjects to equip them for secondary education and beyond.

However, for the past few years we have been working within an increasingly challenging school budget. The majority of the additional work that we do here – emotional and mental well-being intervention, support for traumatic home circumstances, working on a 1:1 basis with children with Special Educational Need who do not receive any funding etc. – must be funded from the school's budget. Staff here are wholly committed to our children and families, and often end up supplying resources from their own pocket; including food and clothing for our most financially disadvantaged families (the 'working poor', who do not qualify for help such as free school meals).

Can your business help us? We are looking for any support available. Areas in which the children would significantly benefit (and where we cannot afford to undertake any work) include:

- Our *outdoor play equipment*, which is in desperate need of renewing – some of this cannot be used by the children at the moment as it is too dangerous.
- *Reading books* – our stock is extremely limited and we are not in a financial position to buy any more. Our children need exciting books which will engage them and enable them to progress their reading skills.
- *Resources for our Nursery/Reception children* – the right resources are vital in supporting children to develop early skills such as hand control, social & emotional development and gross motor skills such as balance.
- *Help with important projects outside of the academic curriculum*, such as developing the school garden, the children's kitchen area, art materials and funded opportunities for school visits which support learning in class. Many of our children experience a lack of 'cultural capital'; therefore we need to provide this for them through school.

What's in it for you?!

'Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?' (Martin Luther King)

We can guarantee that the payment in kind you receive will be manifold. You will be involved with a school where staff are dedicated and relentless in pursuing the best outcomes for children and families that do not always have a voice. You will be able to drive improvement in an outward-looking school where complacency is never an option. You will get to know our fabulous children and understand that the support you provide reaches far beyond the classroom. You will continue to build a community profile which may support the development of your company. You will play a key role in taking Woodhall School into the future; and make a real, measurable difference in the lives of our young people.

In our most recent (March 2021) parent survey; these were some of the comments received:

'Such a wonderful school and we couldn't be happier. The professional attitude of all the staff is fantastic'

'I can honestly say that Miss Lake and her dedicated staff team work incredibly hard to support their pupils and families. It is an extremely nurturing environment, they know all of their pupils very well and give such personalised, individual attention to each child, to help them achieve their full potential'

'Woodhall are forever supportive!'

'All the staff at Woodhall work incredibly hard and provide guidance and support. Cannot thank the school enough.'

'We are so lucky to have such a fantastic setting available on the estate.'

Please have a look at our website: www.woodhall.herts.sch.uk

We welcome visitors! If supporting Woodhall School is something that you are interested in, please get in touch via email or telephone and we can arrange for you to visit the school.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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