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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **The Stobhillgate School Library Campaign**

Over the last year, we have been working extremely hard to improve Reading across the school and we have already come so far! We have introduced the Read, Write, Inc phonics program and home school readers, started to teach reading in Y2-4 using the reciprocal reading approach (this is based around whole class reading) and more recently we have introduced Accelerated Reader and Reading Plus. All of these strategies and approaches are helping our children to become brilliant readers and develop a love of reading.

In order to further develop our children's love of reading, we are going to create a brand new library at the heart of our school. We would love to create a welcoming space where children look forward to visiting and helps to develop a love of reading! Libraries have proven to have a massive impact on children, numerous studies across the world have established a link between good school libraries and pupils' attainment.

We have lots of fabulous plans to transform the space including decoration, seating, a reading chair, a reading den, chrome books and of course lots of new, exciting books! In order to make this plan a reality, it is going to take a significant investment. We have already successfully secured a £10,000 contribution via our local councillor, John Beynon. However, in order to make our library as special as possible and filled with the most exciting books possible, we need your help!

We are therefore launching the 'Stobhillgate School Library Campaign.' Usually, at this time of the year, families would be making financial contributions to the school in numerous ways: fairs, raffles, performance tickets and much more. These contributions go a long way and help improve your child's experience at Stobhillgate. Due to Covid-19, these traditional fundraising events can not go ahead. We are therefore asking you to make a contribution to the 'Stobhillgate School Library Campaign!'

We would love to raise an additional **£10,000.**

To make a contribution, please go to School Gateway where you can donate as little, or as much as you want. This is what your generous donation could provide:



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- £7 buys a book (we need around 200)
- £100 buys some furniture
- £200 buys a chrome book

### **Donation of books**

Another way that you can contribute to our school library is by donating children's books that are in good condition. It would be brilliant if you could share books that your family have loved reading so that the love of books can be shared with more children. Some of these books, if on our system, will become part of our library and the others will go towards a school book sale to again raise money for the library.

We look forward to sharing more exciting news, as our library starts to take shape!

Kind regards

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Headteacher