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Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, we offer a very wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular provision, particularly in sports, at The Castle School. Last academic year the Sports department had 88% of the school participate in the school's provision.

Our aim has always been to ensure that all children participate in enrichment and the school continues to fund activities where it can. However, we have seen significant raise in costs over the past few years and are now forced to ask parents for a voluntary contribution to help maintain the richness and variety of sports on offer after school. If every family donated £15 per annum (or for one child only £10) we could sustain our current offer. This does not pay teachers' salaries, as their time is given for free, but it helps pay for additional coaches, fixture costs and hire of equipment.

Your contribution can be paid via MCAS <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin> or by cash directly into the finance office.

Thank you very much to those of you who donated last year. With the money raised, the school has been able to employ coaches in archery, long sword club and tennis as well as a supervisor for the fitness suite, and to fund other support for the enrichment programme such as the improvements to the school's fitness suite. We would not have been able to do this without your valuable contributions.

We will not keep a record of donations and, of course, if you wish to donate more than £15 we would be delighted. This is voluntary and no child will be refused a place on an activity if you decide not to make a donation.

Yours sincerely

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