



18 November 2020

Dear Parent

During 2019/20 FAB organised a number of social and recreational events raising £6,936 towards valuable school funds. Considering the challenges we faced in the latter part of the year, with many events having to be cancelled due to school closure during Lockdown, I'm sure you will agree this was a noteworthy amount. Thank you for all your support and thanks to the FAB Committee and Office Bearers for all their hard work on your behalf! Funds raised for the past two years have gone toward reimbursing the school for payment already made for the new Touch Screen Panels which have been installed in every classroom.

Considering the current situation around COVID restrictions and school protocols to mitigate risk of transmission, it has been decided that the Committee elected for 2019-2020 will serve for one additional year. All parents of children attending Ballymagee and staff are automatically regarded as members of FAB. If you weren't involved last year and want to get involved in the Committee, please contact the school office and we will add you name to the contacts list and notify you of upcoming meetings.

The fundraising work of school PTAs in recent years has provided valuable, additional funding for learning resources for children at a time when school budgets have been stretched to the limits in simply meeting fundamental expenditures of staffing, utilities and building/grounds maintenance. Money raised by FAB is earmarked specifically for the purchase of educational resources for the purpose of enriching your child(ren)'s learning experience while at Ballymagee.

Given the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in, FAB have decided to raise funds in a different manner this year. We usually request an annual subscription to FAB and ask for your financial support in fundraising events such Christmas and Summer Fairs, School Discos, Sponsored event etc. This year we are seeking to raise funds solely through subscriptions. The work of the FAB Committee this year will be restricted and will focus on planning and running non-profit/free activities, compliant with all COVID regulations, and with the sole purpose of building and enriching our school community during this pandemic.

We are asking parents to make a minimum contribution of £5 per family per month, November to June. £40 for the year.

If you have friends with children in other schools, you will know that this amount is very competitive compared to other school fund requests. As every child in Ballymagee gets to benefit directly from the

resources bought with FAB funds, we consider it a reasonable expectation that every family would subscribe.

We understand, and are sympathetic to the financial difficulties faced by many of our Ballymagee families at this time, and do not wish to burden those who are already struggling, but for those who are able to contribute we hope that you will recognise the importance of your support and agree that this is a reasonable amount to contribute towards your child's education.

Payment is via School Gateway and can be made as one payment of £40 or eight monthly contributions of £5 from November to June. The first payment is requested by 30 November 2020.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shan', with a small red mark below it.

Principal