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Dear Parents and Carers,

Those of you who have been associated with our school over the last few years will be aware of the significant changes to our school environment. We now have the wonderful new Junior site, tailor-made to the needs of our children and accessible for children from both sites.

We have also been conscious during the last 6 or so years of wanting to upgrade the current Infant site and have worked to ensure that provision here is not poorer than the Juniors as far as we are able given its challenges. As a rough estimate we have spent around £1m on the Infant site upgrading the learning environments and play facilities. For the most part the financing of these improvements has come through bids the school has made to external agencies such as Sport England or through Manchester Diocese; being a Voluntary Aided school means we cannot access help for condition improvements through the Local Authority.

This also means that we have really appreciated the funding that has been given to us through our wonderful Parent Teacher Association, raised through their dedication and enthusiasm. Because of this funding we have been able to purchase, most recently, the climbing frame for Key Stage 1 children at the Infant site and we are looking forward to the installation of some astro turf alongside it. It has made the school environment much nicer and more active and our children are thrilled. I know the PTA are currently planning to purchase scooter racks at the Infant site.

Our PTA relies on your help and support to provide what are sometimes described as 'extras' but what we all really understand to be essentials for our children's development.

I would urge you to encourage the PTA with your support at fundraising events and regular meetings as they are working hard to support all our children and staff. Without their commitment our school would be a much poorer place.

The Summer Fair is to be held on Friday 6th July this year at the Junior Site - your involvement in planning and on the day would be very much appreciated.

With kind regards,

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