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Kettlewell School Needs YOU!! Be part of the solution

Over the last few months the Governors of the Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation have highlighted the importance of our schools and their role in the sustainability of our communities. We have also been as frank and transparent as possible in demonstrating the severe challenges regarding the financial position and long term future of our four schools.

In response, feedback to our communications evenings in October was incredibly supportive and encouraging - demonstrating a widespread willingness 'to be part of the solution'. Specifically, the overwhelming response was in favour of 'endeavouring to maintain the status quo of the four schools by mitigating deficits through additional fundraising, planned giving and sponsorship'. This is also the preferred option of the Governing Body and we have no time to lose!

To supplement all the hard work already being done by the Friends and PTAs of the four schools, the Governing Body is implementing a programme of direct sponsored giving. We began this with parents and the wider community of Burnsall last week and now we are concentrating our efforts at Kettlewell.

Local children have been educated at this wonderful Dales school for many years but fluctuating pupil numbers and increasing costs have led to a projected deficit of just over £25K by the end of the 2018/19 financial year. We must start planning now if we are to address this. With the various steps we are taking, and community support, we believe this is within reach and there are several ways in which you can get involved right away:

- 1) Monthly/per term donation by standing order.
- 2) One off donations.
- 3) A commitment to cover a specific expense, e.g. a tank of oil or broadband bill
- 4) A charitable donation from pre-tax profits by local businesses providing great PR!

If you feel you can participate in any way, to support Kettlewell school or the Federation as a whole, please complete and return the attached form without delay, by post or in person to Mrs Briggs at school, or by email to admin@kettlewell.n-yorks.sch.uk. I must also stress that no parent is under any obligation to contribute and that the education being provided at all four schools remains free. Similarly, the details of contributors and donors will remain confidential and known only to the fund administrator and the Governor(s) responsible for this initiative. Please do support your local school.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Vetch (Chair of Governors, Upper Wharfedale Primary Federation)

Attachment: [Sponsored giving form](#)