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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the planning permission that was granted in February last year, we are writing to inform parents and students that works to build the new All-Weather Pitch are due to commence during May half-term with the facility ready for use in the new academic year in September.

We are thrilled that we are now able to commence these works as the All-Weather Pitch was a project we said we would commit to back in 2018. The start date has been hindered due to delays around gaining planning permission and it is excellent news that we are now able to proceed. This will be a first-class facility for students and the wider community to use and will allow the School to develop hockey as well as many other sports as part of our curriculum.

The School has financed this project through the donations by parents to the Voluntary Fund. The cost of this project is approximately £815,000. We are extremely grateful to all parents who have contributed to the Voluntary Fund over a number of years as without these donations this facility would not be able to be built. We also continue to be so grateful for all parents/carers who currently support the Voluntary Fund. We have recently received a number of queries about how parents/carers can donate to the Voluntary Fund. You will be aware that donations to St. Olave's School Voluntary Fund are used to support the provision of a wide range of curricular and co-curricular activities.

The conclusion of our Parent/Carers Survey in 2019 indicated that parents/carers were generally happy to contribute to the wide range of projects, activities, developments, and opportunities the donations allow. Although there is no formal recommended amount, many parents/carers felt that £50 per month was an appropriate figure for them to donate. It is important that parents/carers understand that there is no obligation to make donations, and families should give only as much as they would like. Any amount is welcome, and no student will be treated differently should their family choose not to contribute.

Your support and generosity are hugely appreciated and enables us to provide all our students with a great deal more than we would otherwise be able to offer. This includes numerous sporting and other co-curricular opportunities which help develop skills and characters beyond the classroom, as well as supporting academic achievement. It also allows us to invest in up-to-date resources, and the ongoing refurbishment of the learning environment.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of St. Olave's Grammar School, and if you would like to donate, and you are not already doing so, please follow this [link](#) to the Virgin Money Giving webpage.

Yours sincerely

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