



The Vineyard School
Friars Stile Road, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6NE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. As we settle into 2025, I'm writing with heartfelt excitement to re-introduce the *Friends of the Vineyard (FoV)*—the registered charity arm of the school that quietly fundraises and fuels so much of what makes The Vineyard School so special.

Your support of the FoV is instrumental in shaping our children's educational journey, and I invite you to join us in our efforts to re-launch this important charity.

What The FoV Has Already Achieved

Over the past few years, the contributions received to the FoV from the school community have transformed every aspect of our school:

| Building Brighter Spaces | Fuelling Creativity and Connection | Supporting Our Staff | Opening Doors For All |
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| We redeveloped the Reception and KS2 classrooms, creating a more impactful learning environment Transformed the outdoor spaces for EYFS and KS1 into vibrant play and learning zones | Investment in curriculum resources to help boost student engagement Purchased iPads and updated IT infrastructure to enhance digital learning across the school | We have supported staff cover, wellbeing, and training, ensuring our teacher stay motivated and have up-to-date skills | We have helped disadvantaged families attend residential trips, ensuring every child participates in these formative experiences |

Our Current Priorities: Where We Need You

This year, we're focusing on projects that touch every child's daily experience:

Enriching Learning Resources

- Refreshing science kits, art supplies, and sports equipment to spark curiosity.
- Upgrading our IT server to keep lessons seamless and secure.

Expanding Our Music Hub

- Adding instruments and creating bursaries so *every* child can explore music, regardless of background.
- Designing a dedicated music space for lessons, therapy sessions, and performances.

Supporting Our Staff

- Funding training to help teachers adapt to new challenges.
- Contributing to staff wellbeing.

Safety First

- Improving front-gate security to protect our community.



How You Can Make a Difference

Your contributions are the heartbeat of our school's progress. Our goal is to raise a minimum of **£50,000** this year to support these initiatives. If you have the financial means to contribute, here's how you can support the school:

| Regular Donations Impact Examples | One-Off Gift Impact Examples |
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| £10/month per child in your family: Provides resources for learning gardens and playgrounds | £160: Buys one keyboard for our Music Hub |
| £30/month per child in your family: Funds an iPad in 12 months | £500: Funds a teacher's professional development course |
| £50/month per child in your family: Stocks science labs and art studios with fresh supplies | £1,000: Contributes to a new mixer in the kitchen for making fresh bread daily |
| £100/month per child in your family: Pays for music bursaries for two children or musical therapy | Any amount helps bridge urgent needs and seize new opportunities |

Making Your Gift Go Further

Gift Aid

Every penny counts. By ticking the Gift Aid box, you boost your donation by 25%—turning £10 into £12.50 at no extra cost.

Corporate Matched Giving

By giving through a company-matched-giving scheme, you could double the value of your donation to the FoV. Contact your employer to find out if they support matched-giving.

Shaping The Future Together

Together, we can ensure The Vineyard School continues to thrive into the future. To donate, please scan the QR code below or visit our [FoV donation page](#).

If you would like to discuss bespoke one-off gifts or corporate partnerships, I'd love to hear from you—email me at fbracegirdle@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk to set up a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Friends of the Vineyard



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Friends of the Vineyard

Transforming potential into achievement since 1999.



Headteacher

(Charity No. 1077631)

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Friends of the Vineyard School
Registered Charity No. 1077631
2024/25 Final Accounts

Receipts and Payment Account 1st April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Cash Carried Forward £9,813.70

Receipts:

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| Regular donations | £36,977.43 |
| Uniform/Other Commissions | £1,671.48 |
| HMRC | £551.25 |
| PTA Field | £22,943.34 |
| Total income | £62,143.50 |

Payments:

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| Donations to The Vineyard: | |
| Staff wellbeing | £1,000.00 |
| Staff CPD | £3,202.50 |
| Residential trips & Sport activities cover | £2,540.00 |
| ICT equipment/curricular extra subscriptions | £10,927.90 |
| Bank/Commission charges | £85.00 |
| | £17,755.40 |

Net Receipts / payments £44,388.10

Bank Statement Reconcilled to 31 March 2025 **£54,201.80**

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Independent Review of School Fund Accounts Financial Year 2024/25.

The independent review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial data and making enquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than a formal audit. The outcome sought is to give assurance that there has been reasonable management of the Fund and that the Accounts are a true representation of the Fund objectives.

Background

The school uses a spreadsheet to records all income and expenditure relating to the school. The school fund has a number of budget headings for Income. Apart from service charges the expenditure relates to reimbursements by cheque to main school budget for purchases made from the school budget account.

Checks Undertaken

As part of the review the following checks were made

- ✓ Agreed Opening Balances to Bank Accounts
- ✓ Agreed Closing Balances to Bank Accounts
- ✓ Checked Debit Entries Against the Bank Statement
- ✓ Checked Credit Entries Against the Bank Statement
- ✓ Followed the audit trail of transfers between the School Budget and the School Fund Accounts.

Summary of Accounts



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Findings

None to Report

Summary

I can confirm that the School Fund accounts represent a true account of the income and expenditure for the financial years 2024/25.

Recommendations

None

Barry Walder
Schools Management Support Ltd
Dated: 4th July 2025