

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A Message from the Friends of St Chad's

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to write to you from the heart.

As many of you know, the Friends of St Chad's have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to bring Happy's Circus to our school this September.

When we first started planning this event, it wasn't simply about bringing a circus to St Chad's.

It was about creating something special for our children, bringing our school community and local communities together to help raise funds that will benefit both current and future generations of pupils.

Like many schools across the country, St Chad's faces increasing financial pressures.

We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated team of staff who work tirelessly for our children every day, but the reality is that fundraising and community support have never been more important.

The Friends exist because we love this school.

We love seeing our children excited about learning.

We love seeing friendships being formed.

We love seeing opportunities created that otherwise might not be possible.

Everything we do is for the children.

Our current fundraising goal is our **£20,000 Forest School and Outdoor Learning Vision**, creating a dedicated environment where children can learn, explore, build confidence and connect with nature.



Alongside this, we are also fundraising towards a set of iPads for use in lessons, as well as break time and lunchtime play resources and equipment that will benefit children throughout the school.

However, the funds we raise also help support opportunities, experiences and projects that enrich school life and help our children thrive.

We also wanted to be honest with you.

So far, around **70 tickets** have been sold from a capacity of **400**.

We are incredibly grateful to every family who has already booked and supported us, but we still have a long way to go if we are to make this event the success we know it can be.

This is why your support, and helping us spread the word, is so important.

If you have already purchased tickets, thank you. Your support means more than you know.

If you haven't booked yet, we would love you to join us.

And if you can help us spread the word to grandparents, relatives, friends, neighbours, work colleagues or local community groups, we would be hugely grateful.

This isn't just about a circus.

It's about creating memories.

It's about supporting our school.

It's about investing in opportunities for our children.

Most of all, it's about what we can achieve when our school community comes together.

Thank you for your support, your encouragement and your belief in what we are trying to achieve for the children of St Chad's.

With gratitude,
The Friends of St Chad's

