

# GAYHURST SCHOOL CUTS

We are writing to let you know about the current government funding crisis impacting Gayhurst and how we can all come together to support the school and our community to continue to provide an exciting and stimulating environment for our children.

## THE CUTS WE FACE

Since 2015 school funding has effectively been cut back year on year. Many schools have been affected and Gayhurst is no exception.

**Inflation:** the government's national education budget has increased but not as much as inflation

**Pupil numbers:** the per pupil funding has not reduced as yet but has not increased as much as inflation

**Additional costs:** schools face further costs such as statutory increases to staff pensions, the recent teachers' pay rise of 2.75% was only funded as 0.75% so the school has to find the additional 2% which is a sizeable additional spend

**Funding formula:** even taking into account recently announced proposed changes to government funding, school budgets are going to continue to be tight as Inner London schools will **not** benefit from 'new school funding' announcements.

### Gayhurst Community School

Class sizes are above average



 -£561,662

Lost out on   
between 2015  
& 2019

-£443

Per-pupil loss 

## FUNDING PROJECTS WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT



**Library and classroom books** - £20,000

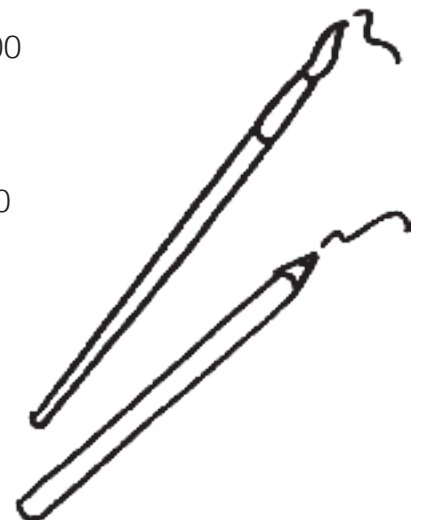
**Art Hoppers (TAG)** - £12,000

**New dedicated music space** - £15,000

**Staircase gallery** - £4,000

**Furniture: Special Needs** - £5,000

**Furniture: Coat Hooks** - £3,000



# WAYS YOU CAN HELP

There are a number of ways you can get involved. Join one of our parent-led teams with fundraising, cost-saving and campaigning initiatives, support with donations, or treat yourself and your children to help raise extra funds for the school.

## QUICK AND EASY

Buy a coffee or tea on the school run in the morning – visit the coffee stall in the reception playground (coffee is donated by Climpson and all profits go to the school)

Bake (or buy) a cake for the FriYay stall – each week a different year group is responsible for supplying the cakes. Turn up and buy a treat, from as little as 50p.

Sign up for Give As You Live. Download the app or install a plugin for your browser, and each time you shop online the retailer donates to the school – guilt-free shopping!

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/community-of-gayhurst-school>

## DONATIONS

**Donate via Golden Giving** (which is currently being set up to also reclaim Gift Aid on our behalf via CoGS charity) <https://www.goldengiving.com/wall/cogs>

Some employers offer payroll giving to donate money direct from your salary without paying tax – we use **Give as You Earn** on behalf of CoGS charity (contact [gayhurstcogs@gmail.com](mailto:gayhurstcogs@gmail.com)) <https://www.cafgiveasyouearn.org/Content/Documents/WhatIsCAFGiveAsYouEarn.pdf>

**You can also make donations to the school bank account directly:**

Bank: Nat West

Account name: London Borough of Hackney Gayhurst Community School Fund

Account number:15210510

Sort Code:60-09-23

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school lunches but the school has to fund this. If you can, why not **pay for your child or another child's lunch** – saving the school £126 per term per child. Payment can be made via ParentPay.

Please email [cmalcolm@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:cmalcolm@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk) so that the funding can be correctly allocated.

## OUR PARENT-LED SUPPORT TEAMS

Our teams already work actively with the school but we are still looking for more volunteers.

## COGS

**(Community of Gayhurst School): school-focused fundraising**

About: CoGS is the association run by parent/carer volunteers to raise extra funds to support the school via weekly FriYay cake sales and events such as the Winter and Summer Fairs and Auction of Promises, which the whole school community can take part in. CoGS is set up as a charity so can accept gift donations and is set up with Give As You Live (see above).

You can help: Bake/buy cakes, volunteer your time for events (even just a few hours is a big help) or perhaps you have a new fundraising idea we can all get behind.

**Contact: [gayhurstcogs@gmail.com](mailto:gayhurstcogs@gmail.com)**

# BID WRITING GROUP

## Fund-raising focused on bids/grants

About: This group is reviewing if there are existing projects and potential new projects we could approach external funders for investment to free up money to spend elsewhere.

You can help: If you have active WhatsApp/email groups or wide network to consult Gayhurst parents to find out what special projects are most valued. Experience in bid writing also welcome!

Contact: [chloegrant81@gmail.com](mailto:chloegrant81@gmail.com)

# CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE CUTS

About: We believe the government's cuts to education budgets are severe and unjustified. We will campaign against these cuts by petitioning politicians and councillors and attending protests.

You can help: Join this group to get involved in spreading the word.

Contact: [shaziaaliuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shaziaaliuk@yahoo.co.uk)

# SUSTAINING EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

About: We know that Gayhurst parents and carers have fantastic skills they may be able to offer in workshops with the children to provide a rich, varied and stimulating experience.

You can help: We need a volunteer to lead the group and compile a list of parents/carers (and wider network) with skills to offer or time to support workshops/activities.

Contact: [governors@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:governors@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk)

# RESOURCING AND ACHIEVING BEST VALUE

About: Our school staff and children are always in need of pencils, handwriting pens, rules, BluTac, glue sticks, etc.

You can help: We need a parent/carer volunteer to lead the group and provide ideas on how to achieve best value for school purchases.

Contact: [governors@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:governors@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk)

# COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

About: The aim of this group is to ensure that the information about our school funding is made clear and available to everyone.

You can help: Support with content design, copy-writing or tech skills to improve parent comms.

Contact: [kate@printclublondon.com](mailto:kate@printclublondon.com)

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