

Dear Parents

The AFS has asked me to write to you to remind you about Easyfundraising, which is – as its name suggests! – an easy way to help raise funds for charitable causes. As a registered charity, the AFS can benefit from donations made from purchases which people make online with a huge number of retailers; in fact the AFS has received more than £5,500 from these donations over the last 6 years, and this has helped to fund various items of equipment for the School across a number of departments. However, the numbers of active users and the donations raised have been dropping recently as many of those users have now left the School. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to boost numbers again and to use this channel to complement the AFS's other fundraising activities.

Easyfundraising is a portal (easyfundraising.org.uk) through which you access online retailers. You need to identify the AFS as the cause which you wish to support; please search for A F S King Edward Camp Hill School for Boys, making sure you include the spaces within "A F S". Please sign up to create an account (there is no cost to this), then follow the link to your chosen retailer's website and go shopping. Donations typically range between 1% and 4% of your bill, but the important feature is that this is at no additional cost to you because it is the retailer who pays it. All the main retailers (including Amazon), supermarkets, energy companies, travel agents and many more can be found there. So, if you are a regular online consumer or are considering shopping online anyway, then I would urge you to please consider using this route and to help the School at the same time – and especially at this time of year.

The AFS has a number of projects in mind right now, which cover additional equipment for the chemistry, biology and RS departments, which is not considered "essential" for funding out of the core School budget. Furthermore, we will be replacing the table tennis tables for our PE department and some leisure equipment for the 6th Form (but not part of the fundraising campaign). Currently, we are supporting the tech team with its own efforts to upgrade their equipment which is crucial during the school productions, along with art frames for displaying your boys' work properly from the Art department. This is but a glimpse of the many projects we have in hand; of course more projects will take place once those are completed, keeping in mind that it is the school's tenet to really enhance the provisions of facilities for learning.

All these projects have of course been developed from requests from the staff, and none of them is likely to be able to be funded from future core budgets given the intense funding pressures which have now become the norm for us.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions about this or want any more information or help, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Chair or Treasurer of the AFS.

With best wishes

MJG.