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**Re: Annual Appeal 2018-2019**

**Dear Parents,**

Over the years, the school has outlined to you how dependent we are on parents' contributions to balance our books each year. Secondary schools such as Naas CBS remain seriously underfunded by the State compared to the schools in the other second-level sectors. This is why we depend on you, the parents, to ensure that present needs are met and future developments are also looked after. Without the funds raised by this appeal and those raised by the Parents Council, we simply could not meet day-to-day commitments.

Over the last few years, due to the budgetary situation, all our grants were cut by 10%. In real terms, this means a reduction of over €30,000 per year. As you know the school is providing from its own resources an excellent counselling service and a whole range of extra-curricular activities. We are also in the process of upgrading the playing facilities to include an all-weather sports facility and a lot of this cost will be borne by the school community,

Hence, this appeal. **We request a contribution of €70 to €100 from each family.** Your contribution will mean a real difference. We are, of course, aware that there are an increasing number of families who can't afford any contribution and we understand and accept that fact. Due to the App and our new online payments system EasyPaymentsPlus, we have the annual appeal set up from the start of the year. Many of you have contributed as a result and we are very grateful. However, if you have not done so and are in a position to contribute, we would appreciate whatever help you can give us.

**Contributions of €250 & Tax Breaks:** In the past, under the Finance Act 2001, contributions of €250 or over were allowable deductions for income tax for both self-employed people and companies. In the case of PAYE employees, the school could claim back the appropriate tax. In general, it appears that the school will be able to claim back tax on all contributions over €250 at a flat rate of 31%. If you are in a position to contribute this amount, we will contact you later with the relevant forms in order to claim the tax break.

However, all contributions no matter how small will be acknowledged and much appreciated!

**With kind regards,**

**Ben Travers  
Principal**