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Dear Friends of Stanhope Barrington

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I am writing to you on behalf of our Academy Council to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the many and varied fundraising events during the Autumn Term.

Along with personal donations, the fundraising effort has been phenomenal and the amount of money raised is enormous. £11,224 is an amount of money beyond our wildest hopes and literally doubles our allocated budget for curriculum resources for the whole of this academic year.

I know Mrs Cross and the team are carrying out an audit of curriculum resources and will create an 'essentials' list and a 'wish list' of resources which will benefit all of our children.

There is a funding crisis in schools nationally and this has been the case for some years now. Creative and dynamic management of our school budget has allowed our school to cope really well so far and it is only now – in the current academic year – when we are seeing the very real impact on our school. There is literally nothing left in the tank and therefore when hit with the increase in energy costs along with an unfunded and backdated pay award we find ourselves facing financial difficulties within this year's budget.

This is why the Academy Council wanted to thank you all personally for your continued support for our school and to ensure that you know just how much your fundraising efforts are appreciated and what a huge difference it makes to our children. If we can continue to sustain the fundraising effort across the year and into the future our children will be supported by the amazing community they are lucky to be a part of.

Yours sincerely

Dr Sarah Haynes
Chair of the Academy Council

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