

# SECTION FIVE



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to BRGS' PTA!

### • **Who are we?**

We are a collection of ordinary parents and teachers, and we raise money to support activities that otherwise would not take place or would require a greater parental contribution.

Last year was a turbulent year due to Covid, however we still raised over **£8,000.00**, which I'm sure you will agree is not an insignificant sum of money!

With that money, here are some of the areas we have supported:

- PE Department - 2 No. table tennis tables and trophies
- Year 7 & 8 Activity Day contributions
- Medical equipment – Infrared thermometers
- Garden Society – Improvements to memory garden area
- 2 New Laptops for SEND students
- Author visits
- Year 10 Speaker (focusing on self-harm)
- Funding for 76 Speech Night prizes each year, for pupils in years 7-11.
- 10 Visualisers

### • **How can you help?**

#### 1. **Join the 200 Club**

This is a monthly draw (where you could win upto £200 per month) plus there are 2 £1000 draws a year. It costs £5 by direct debit. Please fill in the form and send back to school.

#### 2. **Free! – Use EasyFundRaising**

Download the app to your phone or laptop <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brgspta> and shop normally at Tesco, Amazon etc. A percentage of your total purchase is donated to the school, free!

#### 3. **Support our events**

In the past (pre Covid) we held a few events throughout the year such as a Family Quiz Night, Film Nights and a Grand Raffle. We also ran a drinks and snacks stall at all parent's evenings.

#### 4. **Find us on Facebook/Twitter**

Keep upto date with the latest "going's on" – such as 2<sup>nd</sup> hand clothes sales etc.

#### 5. **Come to meetings**

We are a friendly bunch and hold 6 meetings a year (currently via Zoom due to Covid restrictions). Come and get the "inside" info on school life.

**6. Tick the PTA Insight on your consent form**

We can then let you know all that is going on!

Finally, thank you very much and we wish you an extremely successful and enjoyable time at BRGS. If you have any questions or would like to join our "PTA WhatsApp" group, please do not hesitate to contact us at [brgspta@brgs.org.uk](mailto:brgspta@brgs.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Evans

Chair  
BRGS PTA

# easyfundraising .org.uk

**Easyfundraising.org.uk is the easiest way to raise money for  
BRGS PTA - Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar School PTA - Rossendale.**

Shop with any of over 2,700 retailers and a percentage of what you spend is donated to BRGS PTA at no additional cost to you.

Retailers include Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Tesco and many more. Please register to support us today - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brgspta>



easyfundraising  
feel good shopping

Free money? Yes please!

Did you know you don't have to spend anything to start raising money for BRGS PTA?

Some retailers will make FREE donations if you register with their website, or sign up to their mailing list or participate in a free trial.

You can raise funds for BRGS PTA without spending anything!

Simply visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brgspta> and click on the Free Donations page for more details.

Don't forget to click on the 'Deals and Offers' tab at the top of the page.

Look at the 'Compare' tab to use the price comparison tool to find the best price on products and earn a donation when you buy.

# BRGS PTA 200 CLUB

OFFICE USE ONLY: No:
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Please complete and return this form to Fiona Knapper, c/o Emma Gauntlett at BRGS (PTA) Glen Road, Waterfoot, Rossendale BB4 4BJ if you wish to become a member of the club. Payment will be £5.00 per month standing order.

**PLEASE UPDATE THE 200 CLUB IF YOU MOVE, SO WE CAN SEND YOUR WINNINGS TO YOU.**

Full Name: .....

Pupil Name: ..... Form: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email: .....

Signature: .....

**PRIVACY NOTICE:**

The personal data we collect from you will be used for the purposes of adding new members to the BRGS PTA 200 Club and for ways of contacting you about draws and inform winners.

**CONSENT:**

By consenting to this privacy notice you are giving us permission to process your personal data specifically for the purposes identified. Consent is required by BRGS PTA to process both types of personal data. BRGS PTA will not be asking for any special category data and your data will not be shared with any third party or sent overseas.

You have the right to withdraw consent at any time. You also have the right to rectification of any incorrect data. For more information on your rights visit: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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## **BANKERS' MANDATE (to be sent to the Bank by BRGS 200 Club):**

To: The Manager Bank/Building Society
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Account Number:

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Account Name:

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I hereby authorise deduction of £5.00 per calendar month from my account details above, payable on the first day of each month, starting on ..... (date) and to continue with such payments until cancelled by me.

Please credit <b>Sort Code 20-15-70 - Account Number 40255238</b> <b>"BRGS PTA 200 CLUB"</b> c/o Barclays Bank plc, 12 Market Street, Bacup.
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Signature: .....

Account Holder's Address: .....

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E-mail: [enquiries@brgs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@brgs.org.uk) [www.brgs.org.uk](http://www.brgs.org.uk)

Headmaster: Mr A B Porteous M.A.(Cantab)

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to be able to welcome you and your son or daughter to BRGS. I am confident that you will receive a warm welcome from staff and students alike and that your son or daughter will quickly settle into life at BRGS. Our promise to you is that we will endeavour to provide the best possible education and individual learning experience for your child. As a parent/carer, I hope that you too will have many positive and happy memories as your child progresses through the school. BRGS is a very special place with current students, alumni, parents and colleagues all sharing a tremendous affection for it.

There are many ways in which you are able to get involved and support the school ranging from support of our work experience programme, careers talks, involvement in simulation university interviews and career-specific events such as medical or law conferences. Please do complete the following Google Form to enable us to expand our Parental Support Network so that we are able to provide 'real-life advice' on a whole host of careers to our students. The link is available here <https://bit.ly/3qwHC3Q>. At a Careers Event before the pandemic we had approximately 60 parents providing advice and guidance on their chosen careers from teachers to architects. Students found this particularly valuable.

Similarly, if you were involved in your son/daughter's primary school PTA and would like to maintain that commitment at BRGS then please do feel free to get involved by signing the consent form in this pack to enable them to keep you informed of meetings and activities.

At BRGS we have a history of parents supporting the school financially. Without support from parents and other BRGS friends we would not have a Sports Hall and we would have been unable to lever funds from the Department for Education for a Maths Classroom Block and fund developments in our science laboratories. Financial support has also enabled us to invest in equipment for ICT, Sport and Music as well as a range of extra-curricular activities.

We realise that with COVID-19, financial and personal circumstances have been impacted in diverse ways. If you are in a fortunate position of being able to consider supporting BRGS with a monthly gift of £10 or £20 or a one-off donation then any gift at whatever level would be highly valued. With your investment, BRGS can continue to be shaped by over 100 years of history and associated traditions whilst moving forward to embark on future goals such as our longer-term ambition for a new Learning Resource Centre. If you would like to make a donation then please download a form at <http://tinyurl.com/BRGSdonate>. If you have any queries then please do get in touch with me at [abp@brgs.org.uk](mailto:abp@brgs.org.uk) or with Emma Gauntlett, Development Director at [ecg@brgs.org.uk](mailto:ecg@brgs.org.uk). Thank you.

BRGS has a student-led Charities Committee which selects three annual fundraising charities. In 2019-2020 these were the Anaphylaxis Campaign, the National Deaf Children's Society and Royal Manchester Children's Hospital but for 2020-2021 the committee focused efforts simply on the charity MIND in support of mental health difficulties. As you will have heard in the media, many charities are struggling due to their ordinary fundraising activities being affected by the current pandemic and if you would prefer to support our charity of the year then I am sure that they would be appreciative.



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Moving from primary to secondary school is an exciting time and we aim to make the transition as smooth as possible. We realise that there is a lot of information to digest but we hope that the pack of information we have prepared is helpful. We trust that you find the enclosed beneficial in answering your queries but please do contact the school if you have any concerns at or require further information about any aspect of BRGS.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Porteous  
Headmaster



## BRGS Community of Giving



Each year we eagerly anticipate the start of the academic year as we welcome a mix of new and familiar faces as they begin or continue their life at BRGS, meeting differing educational challenges as they progress up the school.

Each year the school faces annual challenges both educationally and financially. Recent years have resulted in public sector cuts and, despite sound financial management and planning, BRGS is feeling the impact of these.

BRGS Headteacher Alan Porteous said: "School funding has been under pressure for some time, and increasing costs have already had a significant impact on the ability of headteachers to balance their budget. Reductions in curriculum offer and enrichment provision have already been implemented in many schools, and the proposed funding model will only increase that pressure. We have been planning for potential further cuts for the past three years and will continue to do so to minimise impact."

As such, we are even more **reliant on the support of parents** of the school to help us to maintain and develop what we value and cherish about BRGS.

We aim to create a **community of giving**. It is undoubtedly about the spirit of participation rather than the level of generosity. We should like to encourage you to contribute and reassure all prospective donors that all gifts, regardless of their size, do make such a real difference and offer immediate benefits to our students.





*Education is  
the most  
powerful  
weapon which  
you can use to  
change the  
world.*

**Nelson  
Mandela**





**From the fabric of the building to the day-to-day offering of excellent teaching and learning, your support allows BRGS to keep pace with the demands of providing exceptional students with a stimulating and challenging environment in which they can excel.**

From our multi-purpose Sports Hall to our remodelled Sixth Form Centre we have been able to work in partnership with parents and other supporters to fund developments to meet student need. More recently, we have been able to leverage support from the Department of Education for a new Maths Block as a result of philanthropic support from friends of the school. Anything from grand pianos to sports equipment and interactive whiteboards have been funded by the generosity of people like you.

Looking forward we would like to continue to invest wisely in ensuring that our ICT facilities are kept up-to-date; invest into our on-going programme of updating our science laboratories; upgrade some of our general teaching rooms that are in need of some care and attention in a building dating back to 1913, and a long-term goal is to invest in a Learning Resource Centre.

Projects funded by your support endeavour to benefit the maximum number of students possible for the greater good of the school. To reinforce the quality of educational experience offered by BRGS please do consider supporting.

With shrinking budgets and our determinedness to provide children with a quality education, we will continue to rely on your support.

If you require any additional information then please do contact the Headteacher Alan Porteous at [abp@brgs.org.uk](mailto:abp@brgs.org.uk) or Emma Gauntlett, Development Director at [ecg@brgs.org.uk](mailto:ecg@brgs.org.uk).

We thank you sincerely for considering our request.



Thank you for your support



*An investment  
in knowledge  
pays the best  
interest.*

**Benjamin  
Franklin**



*BRGS supporters have contributed to various buildings, equipment and activities featured in these photos.*



**BACUP AND RAWTENSTALL GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
**BRGS Fundraising Trust, Registered Charity No. 1096838**

If you would like to make a donation to BRGS with either a regular gift or a one-off donation, please complete the form using a ball point pen and return to: Emma Gauntlett, Development Director, BRGS, Glen Road, Waterfoot, Rossendale, Lancashire BB4 7BJ. Thank you.

**YOUR DETAILS**

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Forename(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**BANKERS ORDER**

**Name and full postal address of your Bank/Building Society**

**Name of Bank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Name(s) of Account Holder (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY**

**\*delete as appropriate**

I would like to give a regular contribution of £ \_\_\_\_\_ per month/ quarter / year \*

Starting on the \_\_\_\_\_ until you receive further notice from me / until the \_\_\_\_\_.

OR I would like to give a single gift of £ \_\_\_\_\_ to Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School Fundraising Trust, National Westminster Bank plc, 28 Bank Street, Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancashire BB4 8TS.

**Branch Sort Code: 01/07/29    Account Number: 25560069**

**Signature(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that Banks and Building Societies may not accept Standing Order Instructions for some types of account.**

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Since 6<sup>th</sup> April 2000 charitable donations of any value are eligible for tax relief.

For example for every £1,000 you donate, we can now claim an additional £250 from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further. Imagine what a difference that could make, and it does not cost you anything.

If you would like us to benefit and make your donation go further, Gift Aid it. Please complete this form, confirming that you are a UK taxpayer and that you are happy for us to claim back the tax on your gifts and send it back to BRGS.

**"I want Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School to reclaim tax on all donations I have made since the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2000 and all donations in the future to be Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise."**

I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all organisations that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand that BRGS will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give from 6 April 2010.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify us of any changes in your name or address whilst this declaration is in force. You may cancel this declaration at any time by letting us know in writing.

**Important information:** If you are a higher-rate taxpayer you will obtain further tax relief by including the subscriptions or donations on your tax return.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Emma Gauntlett, Development Director on 01706 234500 or email [ecg@brgs.org.uk](mailto:ecg@brgs.org.uk) Further information on Gift Aid legislation can also be found on the website of the Inland Revenue Tax Office on: [www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/charities](http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/charities).

**Thank you for supporting the BRGS community.**



## School catering

Breakfast is available in the canopy to all years from 8.00 – 8.40 where your child can purchase, hot & cold drinks, toast, pastries, fresh fruit, yoghurt, melon pots, granola pots, cereal and healthier cereal bars.

Break is 11.05 – 11.20 the offer is the same as breakfast plus hot sandwiches & mini Panini, homemade pizza teacake, and a selection of sandwiches. So if your child choose to eat at breakfast rather than lunch they can purchase a substantial meal

### Lunch 12.20- 1.00

Parent pay is the safest way to ensure your child has money for their lunch. Any money paid onto parent pay will be automatically updated on the half hour, so any money for lunches must be on by 11.30

There is a Revaluer machine located on the corridor by the main dining room which your child can use to top up their account with cash.

We would encourage pupils to use their thumb print to access their account as this ensures no one else has access to their account, if they are using a PIN number they should keep this confidential.

Parent scope is a service provided by our cashless provider which enables you to check your child's purchases.

Lunch menus. We offer a large range of food from snacks to full meals, we always have at least 2 vegetarian options( sometimes these are Vegan )each day with the addition of homemade wholemeal cheese pizza, assorted sandwiches, pasta pots, salad, granola pots , fresh fruit ,melon pots /fruit pots or bag, homemade soup is available apart from summer term. We serve a limited amount of Halal food, which will always be stated on the menu, but a large selection of vegetarian food to suit all dietary requirements.

We endeavour to always offer a choice of hot food to every child, no child will ever be turned away because we have no hot food.

Pupils can order a "Grab bag" which contains a sandwich, drink, and a choice 2 from, homemade cookie, fruit or yoghurt. From the pre order machine next to the revaluer. The cost of this is discounted to £2.30. This can be collected from the dining room at lunch time, so they do not have to queue.

Allergens & special diets. Our tills are set to show any dietary needs or allergens, so please ensure this information is correct, and kept up to date, as they will not be allowed to purchase these items. Any pupil with an allergy and is unsure what they can have should ask at the counter before ordering, where we hold all the allergen information.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.