**BOWERHAM SCHOOL FOUNDATION - A CHARITY TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

**Why have we set up a charity?**

The last few years have seen real financial pressures on many of our families, whilst our school budget has had significant reductions. In response, the Governing Body has registered a charity with the Charity Commission and HMRC to try to maintain extra support to help all our children reach their potential.

**What is the Bowerham School Foundation for?**

The Bowerham School Foundation seeks to benefit pupils of the school in three ways:

* Support the existing free-to-use breakfast club;
* Provide learning support materials and equipment;
* Provide financial grants to subsidise attendance on school trips and clubs.

Allocation of money is made termly and in the above order, based on what funds are held and the proposals of the School Pastoral Team. Money can only be used to meet the purposes specified above, and so the charity does not replace some of the existing measures in place to supplement school resources (specifically year group funds and money raised from the Summer Fair).

**How does the charity generate money?**

Since gaining charity status, Bowerham School Foundation has partnered with Easyfundraising.  Donations come from online sales with over 8,000 partnered retailers as a small percentage of the sale at no cost to the person shopping. We would love it if more of our community registered with Easyfundraising - it is easy to use, and the small donations from each transaction quickly mount up. Easyfundraising have offered to give us bonus donations for new registrations made between **19 Sep and 3 Oct**, so we would really benefit if those who have joined our school community this new academic year joined the scheme! To find out more, please scan the QR code provided or visit the Easyfundraising page at [Bowerham School Foundation Fundraising | Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bowerham-school-foundation%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank%22%20%5Co%20%22https%3A//www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bowerham-school-foundation). We have also received generous donations to our bank account or through the PayPal Giving Fund. Through these means, we have been able to pay for the food and equipment for the breakfast club this forthcoming academic year and provide funds for pastoral grants.

The governing Body is very clear that the charity should not be another ‘ask’ on our families. We will not actively pursue donations and there is no expectation to contribute. The charity has been created to maximise eligible donations by reclaiming GiftAid, enable local businesses to donate to a local charity, and allow us to access other funding initiatives. If anyone does wish to donate, details of the charity bank account are below. We are also listed as an eligible charity on PayPal. There is a page about the charity on the school website: [LINK](https://www.bowerham.lancs.sch.uk/bowerham-school-foundation/).

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As a school, we benefit hugely from the commitment from our community. We are enormously grateful for the generosity of previous donations and the contributions from those who have registered with Easyfundraising. We hope that the Bowerham School Foundation will build on this and enable us to continue to provide the wider support that is part of the Bowerham ethos.