



## *NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION CHARITY FUND - March 2023*

A brief update on the Federation Charity Fund as are now we move in to the Spring and Summer of 2023 with covid-19 virus restrictions having disappeared but with the aftermath still causing an impact!

### ***What has happened over the last year?***

We have recently published our latest Annual Report (2021/22). This can be seen on our Facebook page or on the Federation Website Charity Page - details below.

### ***Good news!!!!***

Since the Annual Report was published, I am pleased to be able to report that we have been able to secure funding for two new minibuses for QEII School. These will be delivered later this year and will offer increased opportunities for the children and young people at the school for more trips out and about and thereby widening the curriculum on offer.

We are now focussing on attempting to obtain funding for a new minibus for College Park – hopefully we will have some good news in the near future.

### ***Join us as a Trustee***

We are currently looking for two **Independent Trustees** to join us to help the charity moving forward.

We are particularly looking for people who have some finance experience – who can help us ensure our finances are kept up to date and assist our trustee who currently does this. Also is there anyone out there who has some knowledge of fundraising within the charity sector.

There is a separate advert – have a look at this for more details. Don't be shy!!

Unfortunately, parents/carers of children and young people at either College Park or QEII or staff at either school cannot be trustees but if you know someone who might be interested, please get in touch via the charity email address at the very end of this newsletter. We will ask you for a bit more information and we can have an informal chat to learn more.

## ***What can YOU do to help (at no cost to you!!).***

Sadly, a bit less now than you once could! See below.

### **Amazon**

We had registered the Charity Fund with Amazon and their AmazonSmile charity organisation. This gave the Charity Fund 0.5% of the net purchase price. This has brought in small but regular amounts over the years.

Unfortunately, Amazon has now closed down AmazonSmile so we cannot continue to raise funds this way.

## ***Keep up to date***

**Visit the Federation Website - Charity Fund Page at**

**[www.qe2cp.westminster.sch.uk](http://www.qe2cp.westminster.sch.uk)**

**Visit our Facebook page at**

**[Federation of Westminster Special Schools Charity Fund](#)**

**If this update has inspired you to donate please do not be shy – here is how you do it -**

**Donations can be made in two ways**

By bank transfer to sort code 40 52 40 Account number 00032025. (Please put in a reference to identify your donation)

By cheque made payable to FWSS Charity Fund and sent to the address below

**Federation of Westminster Special Schools Charity Fund**

**C/o College Park School, Garway Road, London, W2 4PH**

**Email: [charity@qe2cp.westminster.sch.uk](mailto:charity@qe2cp.westminster.sch.uk)**

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