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Dear Parent / Guardian

As a school, we are deeply appreciative of the wide-ranging support we currently receive from parents and the wider community. For example, the Friends of Llanidloes High School group do a wonderful job of generating additional income that enables us to add real value to our pupils' learning experiences.

This support has helped us achieve national recognition for the second successive year as one of the 'The Times' top ten state schools in Wales. As an aside, our Sixth Form results were a key ingredient to our achieving this recognition as one of the UK's leading schools. However, we are not content to rest on our laurels and are doing all that is necessary to ensure all of our pupils achieve further success.

We recognise that members of our local community have a wealth of experience, skills and talent, and we want to tap into this invaluable resource. Therefore, we are asking you to consider whether you, or a friend or family member might be able to help us ensure our pupils are afforded further developmental opportunities.

There are a wealth of opportunities to support the work of school. Support can involve a regular time commitment, a one-off event or anything in between. Below we have listed a few examples:

- **Helping with literacy support** (typically listening to younger children read and providing encouraging and developmental feedback)
- **Helping with numeracy** (depending on the volunteer's confidence/ability, they can either support pupils who find this a real challenge and need additional one-to-one help, or they can support our most able pupils to complete extension work)
- **Leading or helping to lead an after-school club** (for example, sport, drama, chess, calligraphy, fencing - with epees rather than fencing panels, horticulture, equine studies, book club, knitting or whatever hobby you happen to enjoy and are willing to share with interested young people)
- **Helping with events** (for example, sporting fixtures, music or drama productions)
- **Helping on school trips** (by being added to an on-call list)



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- **Sharing your professional skills** (for example, doctors might teach a one-off session on healthy living, or speaking about the route into your career to Year 9 or Year 11 pupils considering a career in their line of work)
- **Supporting the delivery of a vocational course** such as BTEC agriculture or horticulture
- **Helping with classroom activities such as cookery, woodwork or needlework**
- **Joining the 'friends of the school'** and their thoroughly creative and enjoyable fundraising efforts
- **Serving as a governor**

If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, or if you have other ideas about how you might contribute to our pupils' learning experiences, please let us know. You can get in touch via e-mail <office@llanidloes-hs.powys.sch.uk> using 'Volunteering' as the title, by phoning 01686 412289 or simply popping in.

Needless to say, in order to comply with safeguarding requirements all volunteers will be DBS checked, but this will be paid for by the school.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs Catrin Taylor

Deputy Head