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### Fundraising for a Defibrillator for Willow Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools are so important to everyday life and as a school that takes health and wellbeing seriously, we would really like to extend our first aid kit and purchase a life saving device called a defibrillator to ensure that, should anyone suffer from a cardiac arrest, we have the equipment and skills to help save a life.

Anyone of any age, can suffer from a sudden cardiac arrest, having a defibrillator on the premises may not just save the lives of the pupils and staff, but also the parents, volunteers and residents within local community. We are therefore looking to hold a number of fundraising events to help us generate the much-needed funds and we really hope that we can count on your support.

Anyone of any age, health, or gender can suffer from Sudden Cardiac Arrest which is why taking the necessary precautions against this is vital, especially in school, a place we all think of as safe for your children.

Facts:

- There is rarely any warning that someone is about to suffer a Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Cardiac Arrest is the most extreme case of an emergency, as the patient loses consciousness at once and stops breathing immediately!
- When someone has a cardiac arrest, every minute without defibrillation reduces their chances of survival by 10%
- Calling 999 and administering immediate treatment with CPR and a defibrillator before the paramedics arrive, gives the victim the best chance of survival from 6% to over 74%.

We are hoping to purchase the defibrillator to keep children and adults in our school safe and prevent the deaths of 12 young people who die of sudden cardiac arrest each week in the UK. **The cost of a Defibrillator is around £1500 and the staff and governors of the school would really appreciate any contributions you can offer as a parent, carer or grandparent of a child in our school and hope you can get involved in our fundraising events in the future too.**

**We have set up a donation option on ParentPay and we would be very grateful if parents and families would make a donation to help kick start our fundraising efforts so that we can purchase this vital lifesaving equipment as soon as possible.** If you are able to make a donation, please make your donation before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to sharing our fundraising progress with you.  
Yours Sincerely

Mrs Sumner, Headteacher.