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Dear Parents and Carers

SCANNAPPEAL

The Friends of Stoke Mandeville Hospital need help from all the local schools in raising funds for our Scannappeal. We were set a target of £140,000 for the purchase of equipment, mainly in the diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic cancer and to date we have raised £103,453. Our target date to complete this appeal is March 2016 (before our next appeal is launched). We feel that we have exhausted most of our usual avenues for fund raising and we have historically not sought help from our younger generation.

We also realise that schools and young people would be more interested in raising money for a specific piece of equipment rather than donating money into a 'large pot' and we have a range of 'smaller' pieces of equipment that are included in the larger sum. Here are a few examples:

- *Pulsed fluoroscopy system* £3,500

Pulsed x-rays to give a snapshot image which significantly reduces the radiation dose to the patient

- *Laser light localiser* £2,500

Allows for the accurate centring of x-ray beam, negates the need for moving the equipment around whilst imaging, hence reducing the radiation dose

- *2D measuring function* £1,000

Measures abnormalities, skin to target distance accurately and precisely recorded

This list, as you imagine, is not exhaustive.

I am the Chair of the Friends of Stoke Mandeville Hospital and also a Trustee of Scannappeal and I am more than willing to come and talk to parents and students about our appeal.

I would like to thank Mr McBurnie for agreeing that the fund raising activities of The Cottesloe School throughout 2015-16 will be donated to the Cancer Fighting Fund.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors
The Cottesloe School