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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our drive to be an Eco School begins in earnest with our first project which is the installation of Solar panels at the school. We are delighted to be able to be in a position to do this!

We have a one-off opportunity to act before the government's generous feed-in tariffs are withdrawn for new solar projects installed after April 2019. To take advantage of the scheme while it's in place, we plan to install 32 solar panels onto the roof of the original school building over February half term - this roof is south-facing and well-suited to such an array.

This system is expected to generate around £700 of fuel savings for our school each year, as well as saving just under 4 tonnes of carbon annually. This project will be a fantastic first step in our Eco- journey. We know that the children and families here are hugely environmentally aware and the project will also offer lots of maths and science learning opportunities for them as we will have a 'real time' display installed in the school.

We plan that the children will actively fundraise for the project through some of our school fundraising events, and we will very shortly be asking the residents of Sheepscombe village for any support that they can give us with this, via a letter that we will deliver to all residents. This will also be circulated via the village news in February.

We have already been offered very generous support from the Shorrock family, Mark and Juliet, who have offered to fund the £3.5k cost of the panels themselves, and also from Roger Budgeon at the Greenshop Solar in Bisley who has kindly offered to sponsor £1000 of labour for the project. What remains to be funded is set out below.

Frames 30 x £35 each
Cabling and connectors £500
Scaffolding £500
Optimiser 30 x £30.20 each
Inverter £918.75
Display unit (to show savings in real-time, which the children will love) £480

If you would consider sponsoring a particular part of the array, from a £35 frame up to the inverter itself, that would be wonderful, or we would welcome donations of any size towards the project. We plan to have a permanent display of names in school of all those that have helped with this project.

If you are able to help, please send your pledge to the parent/governor team running the project: Mark Shorrock (markshorrock@googlemail.com) or Chloe Turner (cturner@sheepscombe.gloucs.sch.uk). For any questions or if you'd like to talk through what we propose to do, please call Mark (810761, especially for solar technical matters) or Chloe (07710514689, for any school aspects). Pledges would need to be fulfilled before the Greenshop invoice comes to be paid in March 2019.

Thank you so much for your support.

Lynsey Willis and Elisabeth Skinner (Chairs of Governors)
Vicky Barron (Headteacher)