

20th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Sir Keith Ajegbo Fundraising Project for a Revitalised Gym Suite

For many of our students, the school gym plays a vital role in their lives, being a place where they can safely exercise and build confidence and healthy habits. A structured PE gym lesson will cater for up to 30 students, whilst Ms Stanghon's early morning fitness club can regularly attract over 40 students, before the school day has begun.

However, much of our current gym equipment is outdated and the space can no longer meet the growing needs of our students.

As a school, it is a priority for us to improve these facilities, creating a modern, inspiring fitness suite which supports both physical and mental wellbeing, builds confidence and helps students develop healthy habits they can carry into adulthood. The Sir Keith Ajegbo fund that we have started in school is intended to make sure that no student is left behind and that any barriers to strong outcomes, including for health and wellbeing are removed.



To achieve this, we are aiming to raise approximately £30,000, which will allow us to transform the gym into a safe, inclusive and motivating environment fit for all students, for years to come.

Over the remainder of the rest of this academic year and into next, we will be launching a three-part fundraising approach:

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- In-school fundraising events and sponsored sports challenges - involving staff and students.**
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Through the Sir Keith Ajegbo Fund working with our wider school community to access workplace charitable giving and matched-funding schemes.
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Through the Sir Keith Ajegbo Fund appealing to existing partner organisations and charitable trusts who support youth development and community projects across Lewisham and London.

One inspiring example of this commitment is Ms Thurston and Year 8 student, Beth's commitment to racing together this June in the London to Brighton Bike Ride, cycling a distance of approximately 55 miles, to raise funds towards a new piece of gym suite equipment. This challenge reflects the teamwork, resilience and determination we strive to instil in our students. Their fundraising page is now live, and we would be immensely grateful for your support: <https://gofund.me/77772f0b0>.

We would also like to invite parents and carers to support us in other ways. If your workplace offers matched funding, corporate donations, or if you are aware of any grants or funding programmes the school could apply for, please do get in touch. You can email me directly at jpritchard@deptfordgreen.co.uk.

Alternatively, individual donations can be made via **ParentPay / Pay for other items / Sir Keith Ajegbo Fund** - every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference.

With your support, we can go ...

From this....



to this....



- New cardio equipment (e.g. bikes, rowers, treadmills).
- New strength training equipment
- New safe flooring, mats and storage solutions
- Create a refreshed and motivating space

Thank you very much for your continued support of our school in promoting healthy lifestyles for our young people.

With best wishes,

Jillie Pritchard

Director of Primary and Community Outreach