



**Education  
Dunedin Rudolf Steiner**  
Learning with head, heart and hands

## Policy on donations from parents

### Introduction

The Proprietors Trust is the governing body of the Kindergarten and the owner of the land and buildings for the school, kindergarten and playgroups. Although Proprietors of State Integrated Schools are legally permitted to charge and collect compulsory attendance dues from families, and the kindergarten could charge fees for services, the Rudolf Steiner School Trust (the Proprietors) is committed to working with free gifting as our funding source. This special character commitment expresses the Steiner ethic of social transformation, re-imagining money and elevating it beyond the purchase and contract relationship, to foster social and spiritual realities.

At a practical level the special character approach also allows the Trust to meet its objective of ensuring there are no barriers to a child receiving a Steiner education, where the parent really wants it.

Our Trust therefore operates a parent contribution system that welcomes donations of money and/or deeds. Parents are invited to contribute as they are able, and no service is offered or denied on the basis of what is received or not. The financial contributions are therefore voluntary and deemed to be eligible to attract tax refunds

### Procedure

Before the start of each school year parents are asked to return a pledge form which confirms the amount that they will pledge each year. The Trust will have ascertained and publicised what level of pledge is required in order for the school and kindergarten to provide its special character approach.

At the end of each tax year all donors receive a receipt from the Trust acknowledging the amount contributed over the year.

All staff and members of the Trust and school and kindergarten parents are informed of this policy and consulted with prior to any changes. The school community is also informed of this policy through the parent handbook.

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For the Proprietors Trust

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