

Essence of Education

Young children learn most by copying those around them. Ficino School provides the best examples possible. We endeavour to provide a balance of love and discipline. Love is manifested by the trust and respect teacher and child have for each other, and discipline is the simple process of following what the teacher offers.

The Ficino environment is renowned for the happiness and confidence of the children who are coached to be truthful, kind and courteous to each other, their parents and teachers.

The school ethos "Rejoice in the Present" encourages the children to apply themselves, attend to what is presented to them and be naturally happy in their work.

Every gift, large or small, is an opportunity to support fine education through the Ficino School, both now and into the future.

Please consider how you are able to support Ficino School, either through a gift now, or by making a bequest in your will.

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Marsilio Ficino (1433-99), is an ideal patron for the school: a classical figure of philosophy and learning. His authoritative translations of the early Greek philosophers and his extensive correspondence with the leading scholars of the day were significant in the rebirth of Platonic thinking. Working from his Platonic Academy in Florence, he proved a significant influence in the Italian Renaissance and, as a friend to John Colet, was influential in the development of the English Public School system.

Nothing is more lovely than the unity of learning and virtue.

—Marsilio Ficino

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FICINO
SCHOOL

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Given the right encouragement and guidance,
there are no limits to what a human life can achieve.
At Ficino we are committed to giving children the
best and finest that is available.

Rejoice in the Present

Comprehensive Education for the Mind, Body and Spirit

The growth of children into young men and women naturally gives rise to some important questions:

- Will they be happy? The receptive and tender heart of a child needs to be nourished and met with inspiration.
- Will they lead a healthy life and develop a strong and honest character?
- Will they become reliable and capable in whatever challenge that life presents?

A comprehensive education encourages children to grow to their potential. It needs to offer a positive and thoughtful direction for a whole and balanced life.

The Ficino Educational Foundation

The Ficino Educational Foundation is a registered charitable trust which assists Ficino School by raising funds for scholarships, school buildings, land purchase, and other major projects.

Tuition fees can never meet the full financial needs of an independent school. We need your support in order to provide the students of Ficino School with the best opportunities and facilities.

- **Scholarships** – The school needs to build a substantial endowment fund specifically for providing scholarships. An endowment fund enables the original funds to be invested, with the returns being used to provide individual scholarships to assist students who could not otherwise afford to attend Ficino School, or to discount fees generally.
- **Special Projects** – From time to time fundraising is required for site development; purchase of land and buildings, and other capital projects; and the training of teachers.
- **General Fund** – An unrestricted fund used by the Ficino Educational Foundation for current projects as the need arises. The General Fund is not used for the day to day running of the school, but is used to fund projects not provided by tuition fees.

Types of fundraising

- **Annual Appeal** – An appeal each year is to be a regular feature in the calendar and provides an opportunity for supporters to contribute to a current project.
- **Events** – From time to time, exhibitions, auctions and dinners are held to promote Ficino School and to seek financial support.
- **Grant Applications** – The Ficino Educational Foundation regularly reviews opportunities available from existing funding organisations and submits applications for grants on a regular basis.
- **Major Gifts** – For some projects, significant amounts of money are required and this can be aided by the gifting of a major gift. Or, as a donor, you may have an area of the school that you specifically wish to support or champion. Knowing what is important to you allows the Ficino Educational Foundation to suggest how your gift can meet the current and future needs of Ficino School. To discuss how you might be able to support Ficino School, simply return the completed form and one of our Trustees will get in touch with you.
- **Bequests** – While a substantial donation during your lifetime can sometimes be difficult, generosity through a bequest gift in your will is one way of supporting the school. For those of us who tend to be asset rich yet cash poor, this is an ideal way to support the school by making a commitment in the present to be realised in the future. For more information on making a bequest to Ficino School, please complete and return the attached form and one of our Trustees will gladly meet with you to discuss your wishes.

How to Donate

Please return this form with your donation, or to request contact with a Trustee of Ficino Educational Foundation (address overleaf).

Name.....

Address.....
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Phone ().....

Email

Gifting:

I wish to support the Ficino Educational Foundation by making a gift of \$..... to:

Scholarship Fund General Fund Other

If other, please specify:

Please make cheques payable to: Ficino Educational Foundation

Please contact me:

- I wish to make a major gift
- I wish to make a bequest
- I have already made provision for a bequest gift to Ficino School in my will
- I wish to establish an automatic payment from my bank account (Regular small donations from your bank a/c are an effective way to support Ficino Educational Foundation)

Please note:

All donations to Ficino Educational Foundation, or discussions with a Trustee are treated in total confidence.

A Tax Receipt will be issued for all donations.

Unless specified by you, all donations to Ficino Educational Foundation are used to support Ficino School.

The Ficino Educational Foundation and Ficino School have been granted charitable status by the Inland Revenue Department and all donations are tax deductible within the provisions of the Inland Revenue Act 1994.