

Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

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School Building Fund

As a Church school we enjoy the great privilege of being able to educate and nurture our children in our faith. We are free to teach Catholic Religious Education, to worship in an expressively Catholic way and to pass on Catholic moral and social teaching. We are different from Community schools in that we do not receive all of our funding from the Government. It is only right that we, as a faith community, pay for the freedom that we have to teach our faith. This is true of all Voluntary Aided schools whether they are CofE, RC, Sikh, Jewish or Muslim. Like other Voluntary Aided schools we only receive 90% of the money needed to run the school. Like these other schools we ask our parents for contributions to make up the shortfall. We use this money to run the school and pay for improvements and building work.

The Governing Body is responsible for the maintenance and improvement to the school premises. In order for work to proceed Governors (on your behalf) must fund 10% of the cost of any works. The Governors have a rolling programme of repairs and refurbishment throughout the school. In recent years the children's toilets have been refurbished and we have had ongoing repairs to the main roof which is now having to be replaced.

Our suggested and voluntary contribution is £102 per year, per family. This can be paid by standing order and would be £8.50 per month. Most families choose to pay this way. If you are in a position to contribute more, that would be greatly appreciated. Arranging to pay small regular amounts via Standing Order helps families spread the donation over the year and greatly reduces the amount of records we need to keep. Of course, cheque and cash donations are also gratefully accepted.

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FORMS VERY CAREFULLY

Paying by Standing Order as Gift Aid – both Form A and Gift Aid form

If you are currently paying tax, the Diocese on behalf of the Governors can claim back the tax on your contribution to the Fund. For example, if your contribution is £102 we can get an additional £25.50 from HMRC. All you need to do is complete the Gift Aid Form and Form A. Assuming all parents who contribute to the fund pay Income Tax we could claim back over £7,000. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains at least equal to the tax that is reclaimed, you must cancel your declaration.

Paying by Standing Order (not as Gift Aid) – Form B only

If you are unable to pay as Gift Aid, payment can be made direct to the Governors' account. All you need to do is complete Form B

Return the completed forms to the School Office in an envelope addressed to "**St. Mary's Governors' Fund**".

On behalf of the Governors, we thank you for your generosity. Your support enables us to continue to provide pupils and staff with the environment necessary for the best possible Catholic education.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



F Marsh
Headteacher