



St Michael and St Martin Catholic Primary School

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Learning our faith, Living our faith, Loving our faith

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Dear Parents / Carers

All schools have a responsibility to ensure the regular upkeep and maintenance of their premises. These are an essential part of estate management. Maintaining buildings will help to ensure the safety of pupils using the premises, as well as present an effective learning environment, enhance the look of buildings making them an attractive place to work and learn.

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 and moral social teaching.

We are different from Community schools in that we do not receive all our funding from the Government. Like other Voluntary Aided schools, whether they are Church of England, Sikh, Jewish or Muslim, we only receive 90% of the money needed to run the school. Like these other schools, we ask our parents for voluntary contributions to make up the shortfall.

The Governing Body is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the school premises. In order for any work to proceed, Governors (on your behalf) must fund 10% of the cost of any works. The school has a rolling programme of repairs and refurbishment.

During the last academic year, we:

- Continued to replenish reading books schemes for the school libraries and class reading areas (*on-going*)
- Laid new flooring and carpet in Nursery
- Repaired and repainted Nursery
- Replaced Nursery glass door
- Removed asbestos flooring from Nursery storage cupboards
- Painted communal corridors throughout the school
- Installed upgraded safety / fire doors throughout the school
- Replaced safety glass in school office
- Rezoned common areas to create additional small group working areas
- Continued to upgrade classroom computers and whiteboards (*on-going*)
- Continued our rolling programme to replace / restore classroom reading devices (*on-going*)
- Installation of subject focused wall art in common areas (*on-going*)
- Upgrade KS2 Library System (*on-going*)
- Replaced Kitchen shutters
- Maintain Nursery, Reception and outside exercise equipment
- Installation of safety glass doors and windows in the KS1 Library

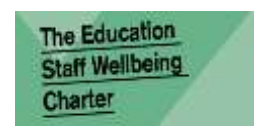


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This year we hope to make further improvements to continue with our ongoing improvement and upgrade to ICT equipment, repair / replace areas of our AstroTurf (*where needed*), replace / renew our resources in our school garden areas, maintenance of kitchen shutters, replace the ventilation system in the kitchen, repair and redecorate both school halls including the removal of the current ventilation piping in the small hall, replace school boiler rooms doors, replace and improve all window locks throughout the school, replace windows (*where needed*), additional ventilation systems in new group working areas, upgrade school fire alarm system, installation of additional scooter / cycle areas, repair playgrounds, continue to add further stimulating wall art around the school, create further inspired learning areas and continue to replace and improve our reading resources and devices throughout the school.

None of this is cheap! School budgets *continue* to come under increased pressure and we are politely asking more than ever that you pay this year's contribution promptly via ParentPay as soon as you can.

The Governors are asking for a contribution of:

Single Child	£60.00
Family (two or more children)	£90.00

Which is the full amount requested per year, you may pay more if you are in a position to do so, simply contact the school office who will help you with this.

Payment requests have been uploaded to your ParentPay webpage and you are now able to pay monies on an instalment basis if this is easier for your family. To enable you to do this please simply change the amount shown in the payment box to the minimum amount set (*£30 per family or £20 per single child*). The amount paid will then be reduced from the total requested contribution enabling you to make further payments over the coming months.

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 that we can offer.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mr Paul Lemaire
Chair of Governors