

St Michael and St Martin Catholic **Primary School**

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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 have:

- completed work on the school perimeter fencing,
- upgraded classroom computers and whiteboards
- commenced the implementation of Kindle E-readers
- purchased additional reading books for the school libraries and class reading areas
- updated year group iPads
- resourced a wonderful new STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths) Room.

This year we hope to update our Early Years outdoor learning environment, and continue the upgrade of ICT equipment. None of this is cheap! With increasing pressure on school budgets we are politely asking more than ever that you pay this year's contribution promptly via ParentPay as soon as you can after your child has commenced school.

The Governors are asking for a contribution of:

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





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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

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