



18th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Diocesan Joint School Building Fund 2019-2020

In order for Roman Catholic schools in the Salford Diocese to access the government grant for additional school buildings and extensive school refurbishment, the Diocese and School Governing Bodies have to raise 10% of the costs. In order to meet this 10%, the Diocese established a scheme, which collects money from each school on the basis of a set figure per child.

For the financial year 2019/2020, this contribution has been set at £15.00 per child and we have already received invoices totalling £3,150.00 requesting this amount to be paid direct to the Salford Diocese. Until now, we have paid this money each year directly from the school budget, however, with additional pressures on our already tight budget we are asking families to contribute to this cost.

In the last academic year, we benefited from this funding as the first phase of our new refurbishment in the KS2 area began. In the past, we have used the fund to extend the office area, update our ICT provision and replace the roofing and cladding.

Whilst the school has to pay £15.00 per child to this scheme, we recognise that all parents may not be able to afford this, especially if they have more than one child in the school. On the other hand, there may be parents who could afford to give a little more so that more of the school budget remains available to spend on the children who are currently here. Consequently, we ask you to make the contribution that you feel comfortable with.

This year we are looking into completing phase two of our KS2 area and further upgrade the IT equipment.

When our bids are successful, we will send a letter to inform you of the new changes we are looking to implement.

Over the next 12 months, we will also be looking into applying for grants to improve the playground surface area and outdoor learning areas through a separate agency. We will inform you of these changes once the funding has been approved.

May I take this opportunity to extend my personal thanks, and that of our Governing Body, for your support in making this valuable contribution to our school building fund.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N. Potts
Headteacher