



St Adrian's Catholic Primary School



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"To learn, to love, to live as a community of God with Christ as our teacher."

Dear Parents,

Some of you will be aware that Catholic schools are funded slightly differently from state schools. The Diocese of Westminster owns our school building and is responsible for funding its upkeep, with the exception that ten percent of all funds for expenditure on our building must come from funds raised by the governing body. As such, any repair or maintenance work on windows, roofs, boilers or the grounds, for which there are hefty bills, must be paid for in part by our fundraising.

This is quite different from Parent & Teacher Association fundraising and from the one off donations we sometimes receive. This is also different from the funding we receive from the government and local authority for running our school (paying for teachers and other supplies we need to run the school).

This capital fundraising is so necessary for keeping our school a safe and comfortable environment for your children. Without having funds in the bank to meet our ten percent obligation, we are unable to request additional capital improvements or pay for the larger ongoing maintenance of the school. Recent examples of the types of works we have been able to deliver are:

- New fire alarm system and new fire doors throughout the school. Costing £60,000, of which we contributed the required £6,000
- Repair of the flat roof above the KS1 classrooms, the dining room and school hall. Costing £154,000, which we contributed the required £15,400
- New boundary fencing. Costing £32,000, which we contributed the required £3,200
- New heating and ventilation distribution system. Costing £438,000, of which we contributed £43,800

Many of you may already be aware of the above and already make a regular standing order donation to the governor fund. Many thanks to those making donations and we also know well that not everyone can afford a donation at this time. In line with most voluntary aided schools, we would ask parents to consider making a regular donation towards the building maintenance. We recommend (as we have done to all parents joining the school over the years) a donation of £10 per month per child at the school.

If you would like to make a donation please set up a standing order (via your online banking or request a form from the school) to:

Royal Bank of Scotland
WRCDT- St Adrians Building Development Fund
Sort code: 16-01-09



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Parents can also make contributions to the building development fund on Arbor.

Increase the value of your donation through Gift Aid!

Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of giving to charity. It is a scheme administered by HM Revenue and Customs which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate. So, for example, if you donate £30 over the course of a year, we can claim an extra £7.50, making your donation worth £37.50 You can complete the gift aid form simply by filling in the gift aid form attached. For higher rate tax payers they may also be able to claim additional relief on their tax return.

Many thanks,

Eleanor Christie Chair of the Finance Committee on behalf of the St. Adrian's Governors