Tuesday 24th October 2023

Dear Families,

ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOL LEVY 2023/2024

We have recently received an invoice from the Archdiocese for the Schools Building Fund for 2023/2024. There is information overleaf from the Archdiocese which explains very clearly what exactly this is. As a school we have benefitted greatly from this fund, especially in recent times with our safeguarding / fencing project and all of our ongoing roofing works.

Our school's contribution for 2023/2024 is calculated at £10 per family, and whilst the decision regarding the raising of this levy is a local one, the majority of schools request a voluntary contribution on this basis. The government does not allow schools to use any of its budget to meet this levy.

Whilst we appreciate there are great demands on families financially, we are asking for a contribution of £10 per family to be made. You are able to make this contribution using our school money app (if you have more than one child at school you'll find the payment against all of them – please just pay one) or by sending in the money to the school office in an envelope clearly marked with your child(ren)'s name.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me at school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards

David Delaney

Head Teacher





















School Buildings Levy

Almost all schools within the Archdiocese of Liverpool are voluntary aided schools. Voluntary aided status provides distinct freedoms and flexibilities in the way that schools operate but, in return for the privilege of having and controlling such a school, there is a need to make a contribution to some costs, including those associated with capital investment.

Government provides the money annually for staff salaries, books and equipment for all schools. Catholic school buildings are constructed and repaired predominantly through Government grants but are owned by the Trustees of the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Under current legislation voluntary aided schools have to find 10% of the costs of all capital works i.e. investment in the building fabric over a value of £2,000. In order to help meet these costs the Archdiocese operates a school building fund to help meet the 10% costs of major projects and all of the investment funded through the Archdiocese's annual capital programme.

Parishes and schools contribute equally to the building fund and the school share provides the opportunity for parents of children who benefit from the facilities to contribute on a voluntary basis. The school share is based upon an annual amount calculated at £10.00 per child (or family where there is more than one child attending the same school) and, whilst the decision regarding the raising of this levy is a local one, the majority of schools invite a voluntary contribution from parents on this basis.

Parents are reminded that there is no legal obligation to make any contribution and pupils at any of our schools will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have done so.

The levy continues to play a crucial role to maximise the continued investment in our school buildings and, in recent years, has helped to facilitate significant investment in Catholic schools across the Archdiocese through various funding streams and initiatives.