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CARE & MAINTENANCE FUND



What is the Governors' Fund?

St Andrew's C of E Primary, as a faith school, is a Voluntary Aided School. This means that we are not fully funded by the Government in the same way as other schools. When any repairs need to be made to the school or grounds, the Governing Body are required to pay the total cost if it is under £2,000, or 10% of the costs if over this amount. This 10% is covered by a scheme run by the London Diocesan Board for Schools. St Andrew's contributes to this scheme on an annual basis through the Governors' Fund. In order to fund these contributions, we rely on additional funding from parents making regular, voluntary payments, currently the sum of £84 per child per year. The suggested contribution has increased because of increased costs and reductions in financial support from Central Government to the local Authority.

What has the Governors' Fund money been used for?

Over the last few years, we have added money from this fund to other monies raised in different ways to cover the costs of refurbishing classrooms and the KS2 toilets.

We would like to continue to refurbish more classrooms on a rolling programme until the facilities for all classrooms have been enhanced.

Obviously, the more money that is donated, the more that can be done with it, so if you are willing and able to donate a higher sum, it would be very much appreciated and we can put it to good use!

How can I pay my contributions?

Payment will be made easier for both you and us as you can now pay your contribution using 'ParentPay'. Some families choose to pay annually, whilst others choose to pay monthly, it is entirely up to you. You may also choose to set up a standing order or pay by bank transfer. Details are included with this leaflet. If you are unable to utilise any of these payment methods, then please speak to a member of the office staff about alternative ways to pay.

What is Gift Aid?

If you are a UK tax payer, we can receive 25p for every £1 you are giving, or have given, which is received from the Government. This amount really can make a difference! It works because the Government's Gift Aid Scheme allows us to reclaim tax on all donations. For your donation to be eligible for Gift Aid, you must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax for each tax year (6th April one year to 5th April the next) that is at least equal to the tax that St Andrew's reclaims on your donation in the appropriate tax year.

Thank you

The governors and staff are pleased that you have chosen our school and hope that you and your family will be very happy at St Andrew's C of E Primary School. Thank you for your continued support.