

Mission Statement Motto: *Building relationships with God and each other, working hard in faith and hope to give our best in all things*

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

School Levy (Governors' Maintenance Fund)

Our mission at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School is to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to pursue excellence in all areas of their school experience and there have been countless examples of successes in and out of the classroom, all of which aim to inspire the ambition of our children. From the contributions received over the years from parents, we have been able to provide many extra provisions for the children, including leadership opportunities, extra-curricular clubs, interventions, school trips, extra pupil resources, some whiteboards in classrooms, amongst the many. These opportunities would not be available to us without your support.

Many of you might be aware that schools are experiencing some difficult financial challenges and we are ensuring that this does not have any impact on your children's academic learning in the classroom. As professionals we do, however, understand that in-class learning opportunities are not the only form of learning that will impact on your children's success, and learning outside the classroom is an important part of your children's development. We are able to offer such experiences, in part, due to the kind donations we receive from parents. From September 2017, the Diocese of Brentwood imposed a new annual levy on schools of £19 per pupil to support the new Diocesan Department of Education. This levy is mandatory and will support us significantly as a faith school, but it has put a further strain on how the budget supports your children's extra-curricular learning, especially in the current challenging financial landscape.

I write to you regarding the importance of the annual donation from parents to our School Fund and to inform you that our Local Governing Committee have voted unanimously to follow the lead of many other schools in the Diocese and request a contribution to the School Fund of **£30.00 per family**. I am appealing to you as our parent body to support your children and us by making this contribution. This donation is in line with other well-known Catholic schools in the area, and £30 per year, per family equates to just under 60p a week for your child/children each year.

The School Fund can be paid **as a lump sum of £30 in November 2023**, or as instalments of **£10.00 in November 2023, February 2024 and May 2024**. If, however, your family is in receipt of benefits, this fee will be at a **reduced payment of £15.00 per year**, with instalments of **£5.00 as above**, equating to an annual cost of just under 30p per child, per week.

Many thanks for your continued support now and in the future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Power
Headteacher

Mrs R Thomas
Chair to the Governing Committee

