



The Federation of St Elphege's and Regina Coeli Catholic Schools



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Dear Parents and Carers

Governors' Fund

The Federation of St Elphege's and Regina Coeli consists of three Voluntary Aided Schools under one governing body. Whilst most of our funding comes directly from the Government, as Voluntary Aided Schools there is expenditure that our schools have to pay for themselves, particularly for work on school buildings and maintenance. For major works in these areas, government funding will only pay 90% of the cost and the school(s) must pay the other 10%. Many years ago, this 10% was paid by the diocese, but as this is no longer the case, governing bodies of Voluntary Aided schools now maintain a Governors' Fund to pay our share. In exchange, the Government allows Voluntary Schools the freedom to work alongside the diocese to direct the spiritual, moral and social ethos of schools; in essence, securing the future of Catholic Education.

As you know, our schools are committed to providing a high standard of education for all. The Governors' Fund is money managed by the schools' Governing Body and is separate from both the main school budgets and also the funds raised by our wonderful PTFA/PAF. The fund is used to refurbish, maintain and improve the school's facilities, especially the buildings, in order to create the safest and best possible learning environment for our children. Over the years, the Governors' Fund has contributed towards the many large projects you will have seen across the schools and our facilities are unrecognisable now, compared with just 15 years ago.

However, we must ensure that we have the funds to provide our 10% costs so we can continue to develop our wonderful schools. To do this we are asking for your support by contributing to the fund. A little goes a long way - each £50.00 contribution provides us with £500.00 worth of work - a good investment. We fully appreciate that family budgets are as tight as ever, so we ask that you only give what you can afford.

If you would like to make a donation to the Governors' Fund, please log onto your ParentPay account where you will see the payment item 'School Governor Fund'. This payment item has been set up for variable amounts, so you can choose how much and how often you pay into this fund. Please contact the school office if you need assistance with your ParentPay account.

Thank you for any support you can give, it will make a difference to our children and schools.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Tamplin
Chair of Governors