



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

*A High Performing Specialist Technology & Music College
with Leading Edge Status*

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15 November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Building Levy 2017/2018

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Liverpool we are once again writing about the very important matter relating to the upkeep and future development of our Catholic schools. Unfortunately, unlike other categories of state schools, Catholic schools do not come free and 10% of any building and renovation costs have to be met by the Archdiocese. Therefore, the continued provision of Catholic education adds up to a huge sum- for example if a school has building work totalling £500,000 then the Archdiocese has to pay £50,000 of this total.

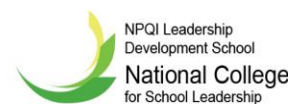
We have been fortunate to receive money from this fund last year, with the money paying for phase 1 of a major refurbishment project of the Science department. This was only enough funding to provide three new laboratories and we are looking to the Archdiocese to complete the project with additional funding in 2018. The first phase of this project has been a great success, benefitting all pupils in school when they have lessons in Science.

To assist the Archdiocese in the second phase of this project, (a further three laboratories) the school must make a contribution based on our number of pupils. This money is paid directly to the Archdiocese who prioritise work and oversee developments. We cannot achieve this without your help, as without the Archdiocese who use schools' levies to access Government Capital monies by being able to meet their 10% commitment this phase will not go ahead.

Up until 2 years ago the school has always paid this contribution on your behalf as we have prioritised this within our budget allocation. Unfortunately with a reduction in funding from the Local Authority and are faced with a period of great financial uncertainty as changes are implemented in educational funding. Therefore, we have no alternative than to ask parents/carers to make this voluntary contribution towards the levy.

All Catholic schools in the Archdiocese ask parents to contribute towards this levy. The contribution requested is £10.00 per year per family attending school and with around 1,000 families attending the school our figure is £10,000. Last year we received £4460 in contributions, which represents approx. 446 families out of 1000 families in school. Our current Year 7 parents have contributed £1820 already this year as 181 families from this year group have already paid. Many thanks to those families and to all families who have already paid their contribution for this year. I would also like to thank all those families who made the contribution last year and would urge all families to make this annual contribution.

This is a small price we are sure you will agree, to ensure that Catholic Education is maintained and developed and that St. Edmund Arrowsmith benefits from this support. We need your help in order to contribute our share as there is no provision within our school funding for such a levy- any shortfall in parental contributions will have to be taken from elsewhere within school funds. Can I



point out that any shortfall in this parental contribution will have to be budgeted for in the new financial year when we make difficult decisions about what we have to do without.

Please return your donation together with the completed attached reply slip. If your donation is in the form of a cheque please make it payable to 'St. Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School'. If you wish, you may give more than the suggested amount. Donations can be made via our online payment system, WisePay, if this is more convenient.

The model of Catholic education is very clear in seeing the implicit link between home, school and parish. If St. Edmund Arrowsmith is to continue to have buildings fit for purpose then support from parents for a Catholic education for their children is absolutely crucial.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated. Please confirm that you have received this letter, by completing and returning the attached reply slip to school by Friday 24 November 2017.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Dumican (Headteacher)



Mr S Westhead (Chair of Governors)

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Archdiocese Building Levy 2017-2018

I confirm receipt of this letter

Pupils Name(s)

- 1) _____ Form: _____
2) _____ Form: _____
3) _____ Form: _____

I enclose/ I do not enclose (*delete as appropriate) my contribution of £10 towards the School Building Fund Levy

Our donation has been made using the WisePay online system

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Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____