

Holy Trinity Church of England Junior School

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Exemplary education for all, through God's amazing grace

Learning, Integrity, Dignity, Love, Confidence.

Learning together, as we journey with God in **Love**, we act with **Integrity**, treat others with **Dignity** and grow in **Confidence**.

9th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Annual Maintenance Fund Contributions

Holy Trinity C of E Junior School began in 1896! It is a very old building, which shows its history in the very nature of the brickwork, in many ways! We have some very old parts of the building, including old Victorian arches, and the original bell in the reception area, as well as a modern air-conditioned IT suite!

The older the building the more problems seem to crop up and the more they cost! That is certainly true of our wonderful building. For instance:

- In the past 15 years, we have had three new classrooms
- A new IT suite (2010-2011)
- Playground and carpark works
- Server Upgrade & Migration of admin files
- Internal alterations to create new SBM Office
- LED Replacement –corridor lighting
- Air Con installation in school kitchen
- Alterations to the servery, which have meant that the children are getting hotter food more safely and with less waiting.

This year we have our fencing being renewed around the field.

We are a Voluntary Aided C of E school, which means that we are asked to make a contribution to the building upkeep. When we have any building work done to the school, the governors are asked to raise 10% of that cost.

Church contributions

Three local C of E churches give us good will gifts from their collections. These are approximately £1,500 from each church.

Parental contributions

Each year we ask parents for a donation towards the Maintenance Fund to ensure that we have the money to make repairs and renewals when they crop up.

Before the pandemic, we have asked for a donation of £40 per annum for parents with one child at the school and £60 for those with two or more children in the school.



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We are only too aware that household bills – especially energy bills – are presenting every family with a big financial challenge at this time and we are reluctant to add to your list of bills. What is true for your family is also true for your school. Bills are rising so fast that it seems impossible to keep up with them from the money given to us by the government. Because we know that so many families are struggling and yet will want us to continue to provide the very best education possible for the children, we want to share the struggle by asking for a reduced donation of £20 per family, in the hope that most families will be able to achieve this. This is in addition to the requested donation of £10 per term towards the cost of supplying each child with a Chromebook.

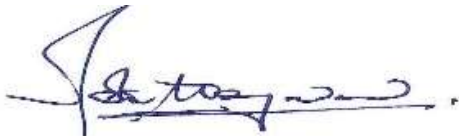
Please make your payments via ParentPay by no later than 4th November 2022. If you cannot afford the payment in one lump sum, please pay half by this deadline and a second instalment by half term 14th February 2023. Another option is to spread the payment over the year as you can, finishing in March 2023.

To new parents whose children are in Year 3, I hope that you have been encouraged by your welcome on the transition evenings and now in person. I know that Mrs Gruffydd has explained the maintenance fund to you when you came to those evenings, amongst all the other key information about the school. I hope that you have found a lively up-and-running community of happy, learning and achieving children and staff here in Holy Trinity.

In summary, we hope that you feel able and willing to support the school in this way and appreciate everyone's contributions.

Thank you very much indeed for your continuing support. We do appreciate it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Martin Hayward', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rev'd Martin Hayward
Chair of Governors