

## 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**.

5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents

### **Annual School Fund Contributions from parents**

As you know, we were all delighted to have come through Ofsted at the end of last term with such a good result. But then, as the news reminded us during the summer holidays with the scare about unsafe building materials, there are other aspects of looking after our children as they learn that are just as vital as good teaching. As parents and carers, you need to know that your children are being housed in a safe, warm and friendly building in which they can feel secure as they learn and play.

Well, first of all let me assure you: there is no RAAC (crumbly concrete) in our school building.

And then let me say a big thank you on behalf of us all to Mr Mark Wheeler and his maintenance crew and everyone who makes Holy Trinity School a home from home for all our pupils, in spite of the fact that the building has sometimes been a challenge - since it was built in Victorian times.

My aim in writing to you is, as you will have realised, to ask for your help once again in providing the necessary finances to fund the buildings upkeep and renewals. Because we are a Voluntary Aided C of E school, the Governors are asked to make a contribution towards the building upkeep "pot". When building work is done to the school, the school has to contribute 10% of the costs of any building work done to the school. Three of our local churches help with this and give us gifts which come from their members own pockets. Annually, these amount to about £5,400. The balance of costs has to be covered from funds boosted by parent contributions or else by taking from other funds that exist to provide our excellent standards of education and care.

In the past 5 years this work has included renewing the steps from the back of the hall to the playground, fencing all along one side of the playing field and around the garden and creating a servery area where the children could be served a hot meal. For these three projects alone, that 10% contribution amounted to £11,980.90. As a result, currently, we have very little money left in that fund.

**Governors are all as acutely aware as you all are of the financial stresses and strains we all face at the moment and that is why the amount requested from you have remained unaltered or have been reduced since before most of our children were born.**

**I cannot stress too highly how important it is that all parents contribute to the School Fund if we are to continue to maintain the high standards and the pleasant and safe environment which we want your children to enjoy and from which they all benefit. Most parents respond positively, for which the Governors and I are very grateful.**



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**Although the SDBE suggest that we ask for a contribution of £37 per child, we are asking for the reduced donation of £20 per family,** in the hope and expectation 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 31<sup>st</sup> of October. If you cannot afford the payment in one lump sum then please pay half by this deadline and the end of November 2023.

Many thanks for your continued support for the school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rev'd Martin Hayward', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

**Rev'd Martin Hayward**  
**Chair of Governors**