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Dear Parents and Carers

School Building Fund 2023/24

Catholic Schools, such as Sacred Heart, are Voluntary Aided - this means that while most of our funding (or income) is derived from government funds, we must contribute 10% of the cost for major improvements and maintenance to our school buildings.

All parents of children enrolled in Catholic schools across the Diocese and who benefit from a Catholic education, are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards these costs through a donation to the School Building Fund.

Through the generosity of families, we have been able to recently install a new muga pitch, upgrade our school wifi and refurbish the school hall floor to its original glory. We have also completed essential works to the drains, installed new electric energy efficient lighting and commenced replacement of linoleum this term.

Your donations to the school building fund tops-up government funding in the region of £7-£8k per annum which is small for a school with grounds and buildings of our size. Sometimes grants are also forthcoming from the government. The diocese does offer loans for larger projects but only if there is visibility of funds coming in from parents.

For safety reasons and future-proofing the school, it is important that we keep up regular maintenance on the school. In the near future we will undertake essential roof repairs, install replacement flooring in the school corridors and upgrade to a new telephone system. We have a number of other important projects such as toilet refurbishment, redecoration and fencing on a small section of the field to complete.

As a school, we now kindly ask all families for a contribution of £120 per family for this school year (2023/2024), payable at a time or method that suits your family finances. Please note that this is a voluntary contribution and we understand that not all families may be in a position to give in this way; however, we will gladly accept any contribution that you are able to make.

Additionally, if you are a UK taxpayer, your donation is worth an additional 25% to the school if you sign and return the attached Gift Aid form to the school, as we can then reclaim the basic-rate tax on any donations made.

Ideally, we would encourage families to set up a standing order or direct debit payable to the school diocesan account. In this way you can pay in instalments:

- £10 per month through the year is equivalent to £120
- or more if you are able to

As a school, we are happy to receive cash or cheques made payable to '**Sacred Heart School Building Fund**' or alternatively a bank transfer to:

Bank Details:	Royal Bank of Scotland
Account name:	WD SAC HEART TEDD
Account number:	14985280
Sort code:	16-01-09

We are very aware that the economic climate has been, and continues to be challenging. However, we would urge all our parents to make a voluntary contribution to the School Building Fund to support the upkeep and essential maintenance of Sacred Heart. Consider paying by Direct Debit and, if applicable, complete the attached gift aid form and return it to the school office.

If you require any further information about the School Building Fund, then please contact us at the school, otherwise we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely,



Brenda Green
Headteacher
On behalf of the Governing Board