



Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

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ASPIRE TO THE HOLY FAMILY WAY

'Aspire not to have more, but to be more.' Oscar Romero

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure you will have seen in the press the significant financial pressures currently facing schools nationally, as well as the very tight budgets within local authorities. Like all schools, we continue to do our very best with ever-decreasing funds, and it is for this reason that I am reaching out for your help.

I am writing to ask for your support with our Governors' Fund, which plays a vital role in enriching the educational experience of every student at our school.

Each year, we invite families to make a voluntary contribution of £40 per term, totalling £120 per family for the year. Spread across the 39-week school year, this works out at around £3 per week—a small amount that makes a significant difference to what we are able to provide.

Thanks to your generosity in previous years, the Governors' Fund has enabled us to:

- Purchase new books to keep our school library well-resourced
- Invest in IT and music equipment that enhances both curriculum and enrichment
- Subsidise educational trips and visits, reducing costs for all families
- Provide revision materials and equipment to support students preparing for examinations
- Refurbish classrooms and social spaces for our Sixth Form students

And much more that directly benefits our young people every day!

We fully appreciate that finances are tight for many families. Any contribution you are able to make, whether the full amount or a smaller donation, is hugely valued and used solely to support student learning and opportunities.

We will provide updates over the year so you can see how much difference your contribution makes; thank you all in advance for your support and generosity.

How to contribute:

You can make your voluntary donation via ParentPay, where the Governors' Fund contribution will appear as a payment item. If you need any assistance, or would prefer to make a payment in another way, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

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If you are able to donate this year, we would be extremely grateful.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support of the school and for all you do to help us provide the very best for our students.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Laws".

Carolyn Laws
Headteacher