

All Saints' C. of E. Primary School

Rooted in Faith, Growing Through Learning

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Governors' Fund

On behalf of the Board of Governors, we would like to welcome you to another year at All Saints' and we hope that your children have settled back into their school routines well.

The Governors at All Saints' have three key obligations:

- Ensure clarity of **vision and strategic direction** of the school.
- Hold the Headteacher to account for the **educational performance** of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of its staff.
- Oversee the **financial performance** of the school, ensuring that its money is well spent.

With the third point in mind, we are writing to introduce you to the Governors' Fund.

All Saints' is a **Voluntary Aided School**. This means that the school receives no funding from the Local Authority for the maintenance, refurbishment or upgrading of any of the school buildings or outdoor areas, instead relying on **Voluntary Donations** for this. Therefore, the Governors' Fund was established to fund the investment needed to ensure the ongoing safety and maintenance of the school, as well as larger improvement projects.

All of our Governors are volunteers and do not receive any funds from the Governors' Fund. All money donated to the Governors' Fund is used to fund school maintenance and improvement.

In recent years, the generous contributions to the Governors' Fund from All Saints' families has helped fund upgrades to the school's IT suite, new photocopiers, the refurbishment of the staff room and the installation of the living wall and additional shading in the playground areas. Planned expenditure includes the refurbishment of the Reception Classroom outdoor area.

We invite all parents and carers to make a contribution to the Governors' Fund of £100 per child per year. This will ensure that the school is in the strongest possible financial position to achieve its aims and objectives to deliver the best education for all children in a safe and nurturing environment.

The easiest way to contribute to the Governors' Fund is online at
<https://allsaintsgovernors.formstack.com/forms/governorsfund>

Whilst the vast majority of parents and carers do contribute to the Governors' Fund, we do understand that not everyone will be able to do so at this time. Please advise the School Office if this is the case so that they can remove you from any future reminder communications. £100 per child per year is our recommended donation. However, we do welcome donations of any amount. If you are able to do so, please do consider contributing more than £100, therefore helping and supporting other children and families within our school community.

If you have any questions about the Governors' Fund, please read the enclosed FAQs, contact us via the School Office, or speak to one of our Parent Governors who are regularly at drop off and pick up.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kim Williams Governors' Fund Governor
Pat Ashworth Chair of Governors