

Governors' Fund for Building and Improvements

What is it?

The Governors' Fund for Building and Improvements (often known as 'The Governors' Fund) is a contribution to help towards the costs of maintaining and improving the school buildings, external areas and can also be used towards improving technology provision in the school.

Why do we have it?

As a Church school we receive money in a different way to community (i.e. council-run) schools. The Government allocates a budget to the school for all the normal day-to-day running costs. However, the cost of maintaining, extending or improving the school buildings is the responsibility of the school governors with help from Government grants. The Department for Education only gives us 90% towards these costs and the remainder of the money has to be provided by the school governors and parents.

Who are the Governors?

School governors are volunteers who help to ensure that the school is managed correctly. Their role is to set strategic goals for the headteacher and school and ensure that the school continues to improve in delivering quality teaching and learning. As a church school, we believe that we also act as stewards for the resources that God has made available to us so that they are sustained and used as well as possible for the benefit of all.

School governors do not have money of their own to contribute to the school and therefore need to raise money to enable them to pay for their 10% contribution to Buildings and Improvement works. This is normally done by requesting contributions from parents.

What will the Governors' Fund be used for?

In recent years, Governors have had to contribute towards a variety of works. This has included the enlargement of one of the classrooms in the Junior school to give the children more space and improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning within it. Some works are less glamorous such as the water supply main to the infants that needed to be replaced earlier this year! There is always an ongoing need to repair, maintain or develop parts of the school for your child's development, safety and comfort.

How much is it?

Since the academic year 2022-2023, the requested contribution was increased to £42 per child, but if you can pay more it would be hugely appreciated. You can pay for the whole year or (if you wish) termly (£14) by our on-line payment system ParentPay. Whilst this is a voluntary contribution and, we understand that some families may find the cost challenging, we do greatly appreciate your help and support. We will also be happy to accept a smaller contribution from families facing difficulty in paying the full contribution.

How do I/we pay?

You should pay your contribution online via the school's payment provider: ParentPay (www.parentpay.com). If you haven't got your login details or have lost them, please ask at the school office.

If you pay tax – please complete the Gift Aid Declaration so we can claim back an additional 25p for every £1 you contribute – **you only need to complete a Gift Aid declaration once** – it will last all the time that your child is at St Michael's.

Thank you

On behalf of all the governors, I would like to thank you for your help and support. We are extremely grateful for each and every contribution you make as we seek to maintain and improve St Michael's school for the benefit of your child(ren). In 2021, we celebrated the school's 150th birthday, we hope to continue to provide excellent teaching and learning in a safe and comfortable environment for another 150 years! With your help and generosity, we will.

Beryl Fielder, Chair of Governors

PAYMENT ENCLOSURE SLIP

(Please detach and return to school)

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School Year 2023-24 – requested minimum £42 per child

Child's name(s) *(first name and surname)*

Class(es): _____

Payment of £_____ made via ParentPay

I confirm that I have made a contribution as detailed above.

Signed _____

Date _____

See overleaf for Gift Aid Declaration

GIFT AID DECLARATION

(If you have previously completed a Gift Aid declaration, you do not need to do it again)

Charity Name: **St Michael's CE School, Sydenham**

Child's name: _____
(first name & surname)

Class: _____

I declare that I wish all donations made by me and all subsequent donations I make to St Michael's CE School to be treated as Gift Aid donations and I confirm that:

- ❖ I am a UK tax payer.
- ❖ I would like tax to be reclaimed on my donation to the above-mentioned charity through the Gift Aid scheme.
- ❖ I pay income/capital gains tax at least equal to the amount of tax to be reclaimed (currently 25p per £1 donated).

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Post Code:

Signature _____

Date:

If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay income/capital gains tax equal to the tax that the School is reclaiming on your donations, you must inform the school.

Thank you for your
contribution as we seek
to maintain and
improve St Michael's
school for your
children.

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Our vision: for every child to live an abundant life (John 10.10)



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