

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 of England school we receive money in a different way to community (i.e. council) 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 will contribute 90% towards these costs but 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. Last year, however, the main project was to enlarge one of the classrooms in the Junior school to give the children more space and improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning within it as the room was L-shaped

and very cramped, Year 3 Emerald were the first to enjoy this improvement.

How much is it?

The contribution for the school year 2017-18 will be £2.50 per child per month (i.e. £30 per year). 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?

We are pleased to launch a new initiative this year which means that you can now pay by monthly direct debit and not have to worry about forgetting your payment – it also spreads the cost over the whole year and this will, hopefully, make it easier to manage. You can also pay your contribution by cheque/cash or via ParentPay. If paying by cash/cheque please tear off the Payment Slip and enclose it with your payment in an envelope marked "Governors Fund" and hand it in at the school office. Alternatively, pay on-line by logging in to ParentPay using the same details as for your child's dinner money account. A weblink to enable you to set up your direct debit payment will be sent to all parents in the next few days.

The Clerk to the Governors will issue receipts for all cash/cheque payments after they have been received and processed and send them home via your child.

If you pay tax – please complete the Gift Aid Declaration so we can claim back 25p for every £1 you contribute.

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). We want to continue to provide excellent teaching and learning in a safe and comfortable environment – with your help, we will.

Ray Wickes, Treasurer to the Governors

PAYMENT ENCLOSURE SLIP

(Please detach and return with your payment)

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School Year 2017-18 - £2.50 monthly per child (£30 per annum)

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

Class(es): _____

- Direct Debit – monthly
- Payment made via ParentPay
- Cash enclosed, £ _____
- Cheque enclosed, £ _____

I have made/enclose payment as detailed above.

Signed _____

Date _____

See overleaf for Gift Aid Declaration

GIFT AID DECLARATION

(You only need to make this declaration once)

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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Enabling every child to flourish as a child of God



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