

# ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



**School Motto**  
Be ambitious for the higher gifts.



Wednesday 03 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

## School Building Fund

In order to keep the school's facilities safe and up-to-date we have an ongoing programme of building projects. In recent years these have included the courtyard conversion, improvements to all the pupil cloakroom facilities, fencing around school, drain and soakaway improvements in the school playgrounds, resurfacing the back playground, replacement of the kitchen windows, Ash Class fire door, classroom furniture and fold away tables located in the Base and hall blinds.

As a voluntary aided school which is owned by the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, the school always has to pay at least 10% of the costs of any building work. Once we have found the 10%, the rest will usually be matched by 90% from Diocesan capital funds or Local Authority grants.

The school receives an annual contribution from the parish of St. Aloysius' and we are also supported by fundraising from our excellent PTA. Nevertheless, when a major need arises there may be little time to find the 10% of the costs, and other projects may have to be set aside.

Planned capital projects include; refurbishment of the reception area and offices, updating lighting throughout school, repairing boundary walls, replacement of laptop trolleys and laptops, clearing and updating the outside area near the back door and redecoration of classrooms.

I am therefore writing to ask you to consider making a regular donation to the school. This will allow us to build a savings fund to call on immediately, whenever we need to undertake a building project in school, rather than having to rely on further fundraising. It will allow us to plan ahead for refurbishment and improvement on a sound financial footing.

I understand that there are many demands on your finances, but any donation, no matter how small, would be welcome and will go towards improving the classrooms and playgrounds for our pupils. If each family could donate £10 a term (i.e. £30 a year) we could raise over £4,500, which could in turn release up to £45,000 of capital funds.

If you wish to contribute, please complete the accompanying standing order form. You can return the form via the school office, or if you prefer, directly to the Diocesan Education Service. If you prefer to make a one-off contribution, please pay by cheque to "St. Aloysius' Catholic Primary School" and post into the blue box outside the office (please mark the back of the cheque "School Building Fund donation").

A leaflet including further information accompanies this letter; please contact the school office if you have any queries. We are, as always, very grateful for all you do to support your children and the school.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

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Chair of Governors

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