



**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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Dear Parents

St. Joseph's School Premises Fund – our planned giving scheme

I am writing to you on behalf of the Governing body to explain why St. Joseph's needs financial support from our parents, and to ask you to join the parents who already help us.

As a Catholic school, we have 'grant aided' status. This gives us the freedom to provide the Catholic education which you have chosen for your child. However, this freedom comes at a price. **We have to find 10% of the cost of developing and maintaining the school buildings ourselves** – ordinary State schools don't have to do this.

Your Governing Body therefore runs a Premises Fund, to raise funds for our 10% commitment and other expenditure for the benefit of the school. We invite all parents to make regular Standing Order payments to the Fund, which is an essential support to St. Joseph's. Last year we raised £7,800 in contributions – plus the tax we claim back, at no extra cost to parents.

To support the St. Joseph's Premises Fund, please complete the attached Standing Order and Gift Aid forms, and return them to the school office. We suggest a contribution of £5 per month for each child attending St. Joseph's, although the amount is of course for you to decide, and participation is entirely voluntary.

St. Joseph's as it exists today owes much to the generosity of previous parents. It needs the support of parents, now and in the future. I know myself that there are many calls on parents for money, but I do hope that you will be able to help us.

Yours sincerely

CHRISTOPHER WELLS
Governor (Premises Fund)