

To all Parents/Carers

3rd October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Donations to the Saint Cecilia's School Fund

I am writing to ask you to support our school by donating to the Saint Cecilia's School Fund. We are an excellent school, ambitious for every child to achieve their full potential. Unfortunately, as is the case in many schools, the funding we receive from the Government is not sufficient to fully achieve this goal.

Through our school fund, we are asking those who have the means to do so, to consider making a regular monthly donation at a level that is right for you and your family, taking your existing commitments into account. For those with the financial means to do so, we are suggesting a regular donation of £15 per family per month by standing order. I appreciate that for some this will be difficult, and so I ask you to consider any regular amount you feel is reasonable and fair. The combination of many small donations will enable us to make a significant difference. Rest assured, as a charitable company, we will ensure that every penny goes towards enhancing the experience of pupils and students in our school.

Monies raised in our school fund will be spent in two ways: to improve facilities around the school and to support pupils and their families to provide a fully inclusive education. We are an aspiring school and through a combination of the school fund, Government and external funding we have been able to:

- Add a new teaching block of 10 classrooms
- Buy 80 new PCs to refit two ICT suites
- Buy 40 new touch screen laptops and two laptop trolleys so ICT can be used in any lesson
- Install a new air source heat pump to reduce our gas consumption to reduce local emissions
- Install new LED lighting throughout the whole school to reduce electricity consumption
- Install 15 new solar panels on the roof of our new teaching block to generate our own electricity from renewable sources
- Replace our three gas boilers to ensure our heating system runs effectively and more efficiently
- Ensure every pupil can attend every outing during activities week
- Support families in need with the cost of purchasing school uniform and other essentials as they join the school
- Provide financial support for those on lower incomes so their children are able to attend school trips

We are ambitious for the future and our plans include:

- Building a new dining hall in the summer of 2023 to add space as pupil numbers increase
- Adding more solar panels so we generate more renewable electricity locally, reducing our dependence on mains electricity
- Building an artificial turf sports pitch on our upper playground so we can teach more PE lessons on site. As we have no grass pitches at school, we currently transport pupils to Barn Elms which comes at a considerable cost and a loss of teaching time. The new artificial surface will be suitable for football, tennis, netball and cricket.

I would like to thank you in anticipation of your support. Your financial contributions, combined with those of other parents and carers, will enable us to maintain the exceptional standard of education and the abundance of opportunity we offer for every Saint Cecilia's child, both now and in the future. Please be reassured, irrespective of your decision or ability to give, we remain fully committed to the achievement, development, and growth of every young person at Saint Cecilia's.

Yours faithfully,

Renata Joseph
Headteacher

How to Donate to the Saint Cecilia's School Fund

Thank you for donating to our School Fund. Our preferred way for you to give is via a standing order direct from your bank. Our suggested donation is £15 per family per month. If you are in a position to give more, we would be extremely grateful. The combined impact of many small, regular donations will make a huge difference and enable us to do much more for every child.

Standing Order

To set up a standing order from your bank, please use the following details adding your child's surname as the payment reference.

Saint Cecilia's Church of England - School Fund Account

Sort Code: 60 00 01

A/c No: 46207651

ParentPay

One-off donations can be made through ParentPay. Click the 'pay for other items' option on your home screen and to access the 'School Compassion Fund Donation'. This to change on ParentPay to School Fund, also Bethany Centre contribution to be removed.

By Cheque

Please make cheques payable to Saint Cecilia's Church of England School and write your child's name on the back of the cheque.

Thank you very much for your support.