

**ST. MARY'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents,

**BUILDING FUND PAYMENT**

As you are aware, funding for Catholic schools is different from those with no religious affiliation. Each year the school has to pay the Diocese School Building Fund a specified sum of money. This is our contribution towards building costs which are paid for out of a Government capital grant awarded to the Diocese to help keep its schools in good condition. Examples of works carried out are the resurfacing of the play area, the playground canopy, new carpets in the classrooms.

The current amount is equivalent to £16.50 per child and this is payable at the start of the academic year.

As you will know from media reports, the financial situation in schools has worsened recently and it is more difficult for schools to make budgets balance. If the school has to subsidise the Diocesan payment then this takes funds away from important learning expenditure within school; therefore collection of the Building Fund contribution is essential.

Payment of the £16.50 can be made online using ParentPay or in cash at the school office. Payments by 31<sup>st</sup> December would be very much appreciated.

The Governors and I are very grateful to parents and carers who support our school on an ongoing basis.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

*Claire Halstead*

Miss C Halstead  
Head Teacher



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