



October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Development Fund Appeal

As a Voluntary Aided (VA) school, Finchley Catholic High School relies on the financial support of parents to improve the site and facilities. In fact, the government requires VA schools to raise a minimum of 10% of the costs of any capital project, although in practice, this is much higher.

We desperately need to improve our sports and PE provision to meet the needs of the modern curriculum with an ambition to bring them in line with other schools. The gyms, for instance, have not been materially updated since they were built in the 1960s. We cannot do this without you.

The School Development Fund is financed entirely through parental contributions. We would ask that you support the appeal as generously as you can. Following discussions with Governors, it was agreed that we would have the following suggested level of voluntary contribution:

2020– 2021

£150 per pupil

£200 per family of two or more

We are very aware that the current Covid-19 situation may mean your financial circumstances are such that these amounts are beyond what you can afford. It goes without saying that any contribution you are able to make will be gratefully received.

Enclosed with this letter is the form that you should complete. We would ask you to give as generously as you can, ideally setting up a standing order as an annual contribution. We would also urge you to make use of the gift-aid facility; for tax payers, this will significantly increase your contribution at no additional cost to yourself. We would like to thank existing parents who have already contributed to the fund this year, either via standing order or direct payment.

Online donations can be made via Wisepay, which is accessed through the school website. Standing Orders/BACs payments can be set up using online banking (Lloyds sort code: 30-65-41; A/C No: 41729760 Beneficiary: Finchley Catholic High School Reference: SDF – Student's Name). Whichever way you choose to contribute please remember to complete and return the gift aid form attached. If you require any assistance or advice please e-mail finance@finchleycatholic.org.uk. All donations will be acknowledged.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely,

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