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Dear Parent/Carer

Governors' School Development Fund

For a considerable number of years the Governors have managed a voluntary donations fund, "*The Governors' School Development Fund*," that generates essential revenue, which is used to improve the quality of teaching and learning provided by the school to our students. We have recently completed a major refurbishment of our hall and gym block, including student shower, changing and toilet facilities, valued at £1.7 million. We have also just completed a capital project to replace all the external doors and windows in one of our main teaching block at a cost of £350,000. Further projects of this nature are planned including the refurbishment of more classrooms, toilet facilities and the expansion of the pupils' canteen facility.

To fund these projects we have had to bid for money from the Dfe, if the school can make a contribution to the bid through the School Development Fund then our chances of success are significantly improved. Over the last few years every pound from the School Development Fund has successfully levered on average another £55 from the Dfe. The money parents give really does make a difference. The success we have had over recent years has now depleted this fund and we need your help to build it up again. The Governors' School Development Fund is more important now, than ever, to help resource what is so desperately needed without diverting core school money away from the teaching and learning front-line activity.

We understand that for many, personal finances are equally challenging particularly in the current Covid 19 pandemic however, without your voluntary contributions we may not be able to continue our important work that genuinely benefits your children now, and creates a legacy for other students in the future.

I ask all parents and carers, who are part of the Oaklands Community, to kindly consider making a voluntary donation of £5, £10 or £20 a month by standing order or any other amount that you feel able to contribute. Even small amounts can quickly accumulate into a really useful sum which when added to more donations really does give us the power to do even more really good things for your children. Oaklands has a community of 800 families, quickly you can make a sustained difference.

You can make a one off (hopefully annual) payment by cheque payable to Oaklands Catholic School or online to:

Account Name: The Catholic Academy (Deposit 2 Governors)
Sort Code: 55-70-34
Account Number: 80745024

Alternatively, you can spread the cost by arranging a standing order from your bank account by completing the attached form.

If you are willing and able to contribute, and are a UK Tax Payer, we would also ask that you complete a Gift Aid Declaration form and return it to the Schools Finance Office, or log in online through Scopay.com and

register, as the school can currently claim 25p for every £1 donated from the Government against the tax you pay.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to express our most sincere thanks for the voluntary contributions that you currently make, and hopefully others will now also make, to the Governors' School Development Fund.

Yours sincerely



Marc Evans
Chair of Governors

Some of the work that the Governors' School Development Fund has recently contributed towards:



Refurbishing the laboratories in the Science Department and bathroom facilities across the school site



Upgrading teaching spaces



Delivering major infrastructure upgrades that will endure for many years to come.

