

# Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Governors' School Development Fund (GSDF)

The Governors manage a voluntary donations fund: "*The Governors' School Development Fund (GSDF)*," which generates essential revenue that is used to support improvements to the quality of the learning environment for our pupils.

We have recently completed a major refurbishment of our hall and gym block, including student shower, changing and toilet facilities, at a cost of £1.7 million. We have also just completed a project to replace all the external doors and windows in one of our main teaching block at a cost of £350,000. This follows a number of other projects over recent years and further projects of this nature are planned including the refurbishment of more classrooms, more toilet facilities and the expansion of the pupils' canteen facility.

To fund these projects we bid for capital grants from the Department for Education and contributing to these bids from the Governors' School Development Fund significantly improves the chances of success. Over the last few years every pound from the GSDF has successfully leveraged, on average, £55 of funding from the DfE. The money generously donated by parents really does make a tangible difference. Our success over recent years has now depleted this fund and we really need your help to build it up again so we can carry on with the work we're doing right around the school for the pupils. The GSDF 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 climate 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 a larger number of individual donations really does give us the power to do even more really good things for your children. Oaklands has a community of 800 families, you can make a sustained difference very quickly.

You can make a one off (or more hopefully an 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 to contribute and are a UK Tax Payer, we 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 this then allows us to claim from the Government a further 25p for every £1 that is donated.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to express our sincerest 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.*

