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Dear St Peters Parents,

I am writing to ask for your continued support for the two funds which we operate for St Peter's School:

- School Fund
- Governors Fund (being renamed the School Improvement Fund)

These funds operate for the benefit of the school, and this letter describes the activities they support. It is not compulsory to contribute to these funds but the majority of our families generously do.

School Fund

The School fund is used by the Headteacher to purchase additional educational resources which are not budgeted for in the annual School Budget (For example, replacing a whiteboard which breaks unexpectedly, IT equipment, books, musical instruments etc), as well as items that are used in school to improve our children's learning experience. It is also used to purchase items for the children when they make their first Holy Communion or Confirmation. In the event of financial hardship the Headteacher will use the school fund to pay for a child's school trip so that they are not excluded from the activities that their friends are involved in. Previously the suggested contribution for parents has been £1 per week, per family.

Governors Fund

The Governors Fund is administered by the Governors and is exclusively used to pay for projects that improve and affect the school buildings. An old building such as ours requires plenty of maintenance and in the last year we have replaced the boilers (£180,000) and re-laid the hall floor (£6,000). Over the summer holidays we employed contractors to undertake extensive repairs to the leaking roof above Class 2 and repair the stone coping above the school entrance. While we do receive some money from the Birmingham Catholic Diocese we have to fund the first 10% of any repair or building project. This money is vital for keeping our building safe and effective.

Future funding

From the beginning of this school year we will be renaming the Governors' fund as the **School Improvement Fund** to more accurately reflect what it is used for. We are asking for a modest increase of £5.00 per family per year (from £15.00 to £20.00) as this will help us ensure we are financially well placed to meet the challenges that our building provides.

Our School fund and Governors fund contributions have not increased since 2003 and we are the only school that asks for 1 contribution per family and not per child. To assist with the administration of these funds we will be consolidating the payment into one sum that can be paid annually (£53.00), termly (£17.60) or weekly (£1.60). Mrs Bains will continue to administer the payment system and the money will be banked in 2 separate accounts. If you would like to pay into these funds by bank transfer or have any queries, please speak to Mrs Bains in the office.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Kind Regards

Michael O'Riley,
Chair of Governing Body