

So it really is vital that you support the school's appeal.....even if there isn't an immediate need.

Can you Gift Aid your contribution?

Yes. If you pay tax in the UK, you can add an extra 28%* to your contribution with Gift Aid and it really will make a difference. For example, if you give £60 a year, that becomes £75 with Gift Aid and it won't cost you a penny extra.

If you are a higher rate taxpayer it's even better because you can also get back some of the tax for yourself. For example, if you give £100 with Gift Aid, the school will get £125 and it will only cost you £75.

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The School Governors' Prayer

“Guide us with your wisdom as we seek to take responsibility for the education of our young people. Show us how to build a community, sharing a deep concern and common purpose. May we find together the inspiration which is, and always will be, Jesus Christ our Lord.”



Diocese of Westminster

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**When we need to
spend money on
repairing,
maintaining or
developing our
school buildings,
the Government
requires us to
raise 10% of the
cost ourselves.**

**We can only do that with
your help!**



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Why does the school have to raise 10% of building costs?

Most parents decide to send their children to a Catholic school because they know that their child will be educated in a Catholic environment and because they know that the school will provide an excellent education.

The quality of our schools has also been recognised by the Government and they have granted many of them "voluntary aided" status. What this means is that, although the schools are in the state system, we can retain our traditions and organise our schools on the basis of the teachings of the Church.

But, in return, we are required by the government to raise 10% of the cost of developing and maintaining the school buildings - which is something that ordinary state schools do not have to do.

So, if we need to improve a school, to undertake basic repairs or to add extra facilities, we need to find 10% of the cost ourselves. There is no choice in the matter. If the money is not raised, the work cannot be undertaken.

Why do we need your help?

This may seem a bit tough but we have nowhere else to turn as neither the Diocese nor the parishes have endless reserves.

We therefore have to ask every parent who has chosen to send their child to a voluntary aided Catholic school to make a contribution, so that we can continue to provide the best possible teaching and learning environment.

How much will you be asked to give?

Each school decides how much to ask parents to contribute. This depends on the needs of the school but all schools allow you to pay by instalment. Here are a few examples.

Annual Amount	Amount per term	Amount per half term	Amount per month*
£90	£30	£15	£7.50
£60	£20	£10	£5
£30	£10	£5	£2.50

* Most schools ask for monthly payments to be paid by Bankers Order.

Why are you asked to contribute even if your school doesn't have a building project?

Many major school projects now cost £250,000 or more and what this means is that a school often has to find at least £25,000 (to cover the 10%).

This is a lot of money for parents to raise so most schools put the money that you give to them into the Schools' Building Fund.

The reason for this is that the Fund not only looks after the school's money until it is needed but it can also give the school a loan if it doesn't have enough money to pay for the building work straightaway - which means that the work can be undertaken by the school when it is needed, before the money is raised.

But the Fund can only do this if everyone makes a contribution. This is because the Fund uses the money that it holds for those schools that don't need to use their money immediately.....to make loans to those schools that do need to borrow money to pay for their building work.

**Shine with love,
kindness and
respect**



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School Code: *OLSJ

GAD No.

School **Our Lady and St Joseph Primary**

Parent/Guardian Details Please complete using BLOCK CAPITALS

Title Mir/Mrs/Miss/Ms (Please delete as appropriate)

Surname

Forename

Home Address

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Post Code

I would like the above Charity to treat all qualifying donations I have made since the 6th April 20 * , and all donations I will make in the future until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.

***PLEASE COMPLETE THE TAX YEAR.**

Name of Pupil

PLEASE NOTE

1. I am a **UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.**
2. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Charity.
3. If in future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the Charity reclaims, you must cancel your declaration.
4. As any tax refund received by the Charity will be made at the basic rate, higher rate tax payers will benefit through additional tax relief if they declare their Gift Aid Declaration on their Tax return.
5. This Declaration refers to all donations made to the Charity in respect of the School Building Fund but should not include donations for services, such as school buses etc.
6. Please notify the Charity if you change your Name or Address

THIS DECLARATION MUST BE IN ONE NAME ONLY

Telephone/Mobile

E-Mail

Signature

Date