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Dear Parents & Carers

We have now arrived at the end of another school year and I am writing to thank you for your continued support over the last twelve months. This has been another busy year at St Joseph's School. The children have worked very well and achieved great things both academically and in many other areas, including music, drama, sport, art and chess. Spiritual and moral development continues to be at the centre of what we do at St Josephs.

The Governing Body sets the annual school budget: it has to match expenditure to the income provided from the Department for Education. After careful consideration the GB approved an operational expenditure budget of £863,724 for 2019/20 financial year. This will result in a budgeted deficit of £16,561, which will be met from the accumulated surplus brought forward from previous years. As you will no doubt be aware, schools nationally have been suffering for some years from the effects of financial austerity. Like many other schools, St Joseph's has been using accumulated funds to help meet expenditure. If government funding is not increased soon then schools will not be able to meet the impact of inflationary pressures and rising staff costs in future years.

During this year your governors have been busy supporting the school in various ways. A number of improvements have been implemented by the Governing Body over this school year and they are itemised on the attached list. I should like to point out that the cost of these improvements was not charged to the school's operational budget. These costs were met from other sources, including governor's funds and in some cases by additional funds obtained from external bodies, for which the school applies.

Mrs Roberts is about to retire: she has been with the school since West Hill days and has made a huge contribution during her time here. She will be greatly missed. The Governors presented her with a leaving gift at the end of term mass to mark her contribution to the school over many years. There will be a number of staff changes in September and Mrs Jackson has already advised you of detailed staffing arrangements for the new school year.

Our thanks go to Mrs Jackson and all the staff, to the governors who work tirelessly to support the school, to our pupils and to you, the parents and carers, for all the support you give to the school and the children.

Michael Flexman
Chair of Governors

Expenditure funded by Governors' Fund	2018-19
Contribution	£
Water Fountain	495
Staff Room Fire Exit	1,500
Music Room Refurbishment	635
TV for Gen's Room	665
MLS Library System	707
French curriculum funding	1,596
Water for staff	704
Banner to promote the school	127
Advert for Reception Intake for Sept 2019	140
Medical Room completion	3,822
Sundry other items	917
Total	<u>£11,308</u>