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Dear Parents and Carers,

20th January 2017

Re: School Fund

I am writing to remind you about the School Fund which, I am sure you remember, is made up from voluntary contributions that are used for the benefit of the children at Annecy. A number of parents contribute each year but because we don't mention it very often, it may have slipped the minds of others. I thought it would be a good time to say what the School Fund is about.

Why do we have this fund?

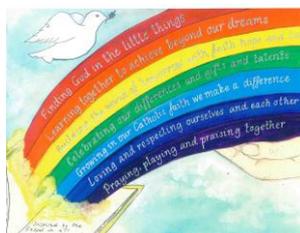
Annecy is a Catholic School, owned by the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. It is a Voluntary Aided (VA) School and, unlike 'State' schools, it has to provide 10% of the cost of the school upkeep and improvement. This money is not provided by the government.

As a community of parents, children, staff, governors and parishioners, we all want the best education possible for our children. In good times and bad, each of us does our best to support their future in the school environment.

We want to continue what the generations before of us have strived to achieve: the best conditions and resources possible to ensure every opportunity for every child to learn to be confident in the world of the 21st Century.

What is the money spent on

The governors work with the Head Teacher, listening to staff, parents and pupils, to decide which building and resource costs need to be funded as a priority. This is always decided keeping the children's needs at the centre. In recent years, the Fund has contributed towards the upgrade of external doors and perimeter fence, the space for teachers to work and the major revamp of space and resources for Reception. This year and beyond, we need to look at improving the electronic resources: Smart boards, computers, individual devices for children as well as increasing facilities for Maths, Science, English and RE.



How much

The governors are very aware that families sending their children to Annecy have many demands on their income and that a number already struggle to make ends meet. We ask for a contribution that works out at less than £1 per week per child: £50 for one child and £100 if you have two or more children in the school. This may seem like a lot in a lump sum but spread over a year it isn't so much for many. However, we are aware that this may still be too much for some; if this is so, please just contribute what you are able to. If you are able to give more then please do as this does ensure that we can support all children regardless of their financial background.

How to pay

We want to make contributing as easy as possible so you can pay with cash, cheque or by BACs. Cheques should be made payable to: Annecy Catholic Primary School; BACS details are obtainable from the school office (please ensure that you put your child's name as the reference so that we can attribute payment to you).

And finally....

The contribution to the School Fund is good value for money: it is less than the cost of a cup of shop-bought coffee each week and will be a significant input into your child's educational experience. Please give what you can.

I look forward to receiving your support and would be happy to send you further information if you would like to get more involved in fund-raising or other aspects of school life.

With kind regards

Father Paul Jennings

Chair of Governors