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'WE COME TO SCHOOL TO LIVE AND LEARN HAPPILY TOGETHER BY LOVING OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER AS JESUS TEACHES US'

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Dear Parents/Carers

School Building Fund

On behalf of the Governing Body it is our privilege to welcome you and your children to St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School. St. Augustine's is without a doubt a good school with high standards of achievement in academic studies, sports and extra-curricular activities. We are delighted you have chosen St. Augustine's for this very important stage in your child's education.

As a Catholic school, we have 'grant-aided' status. This gives us the freedom to provide the Catholic Education which you have chosen for your child. However, this freedom comes at a price. **We have to contribute to the cost of developing and maintaining the school buildings ourselves** – ordinary State schools don't have to do this.

Your Governing Body therefore runs a Building Fund, to raise funds for our contribution and to enable us to develop and make improvements to our school environment. Therefore, we have to ask parents to make regular payments to the Fund, which is an essential support to St. Augustine's. Donations can be made either monthly, termly or on an annual basis.

We suggest a contribution of £60 per annum for each child or £100 per annum for families with more than one child attending St. Augustine's. The amount is, of course a suggestion and we welcome your decision to donate whatever you feel appropriate. To support the Building Fund, you can make payments either by **Standing Order, or via the School Gateway.**

Kindly complete the attached documents as required and if you are a UK tax payer kindly also complete a Gift Aid Declaration form to enable us to receive an extra 25 pence from HM Revenue & Customs for every pound you donate. Please note that the Gift Aid form should be signed by one tax paying parent only and the payment should be made by that parent (or from a joint account that includes that parents name). Kindly return all documents to the school office even if you choose to donate via the School Gateway.

In previous years we have been fortunate to receive substantial Government grants for the development of our school. However, **we cannot apply for these grants unless we can provide our contribution. The more we are able to contribute the more likely it is that our needs will be met by available grants.** St. Augustine's as it exists today owes much to the generosity of previous parents and it needs the support of parents, now and in the future to continue to develop our school for our children. We understand that there are many calls on parents for money, we do hope that you will be able to support your school.

Thank you in advance for your contribution and your continued support.

Yours sincerely

The Governors of St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Chi abbia difficoltà a capire questa lettera è pregato di rivolgersi all'ufficio per aiuto.

