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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Diocesan Building Fund**

Sending your child to a Roman Catholic School involves a greater commitment from parents compared to other neighbourhood schools. Generations of Catholic parents and those from other Christian denominations have accepted that their schools (being voluntary aided) are not fully funded by the State, so that the balance of funding required is met by the school community. At present, this balance is 10% of the cost of school projects. To achieve this goal, we need every family to support us.

The School's Diocesan Building Fund is an equitable way of finding the funds required. It is suggested that parents contribute £12 per pupil per term (based on three terms a year) with a maximum of £18 per family per term, where there is more than one child at the school. The contributions are not mandatory but recent donations from parents have helped the school refurbish many of its classrooms, install playground equipment for its pupils and build a much needed library.

In order that English Martyrs School continues to benefit from future building projects, I urge you to sign up to the scheme. There are two elements to your contributions. In addition to the contribution that you make, we are able to reclaim basic rate tax on your contribution if you are a taxpayer and you complete a Gift Aid Declaration.

We would appreciate it if contributions were made by Standing Order; it means that you only have to complete the paperwork once. Your Standing Order can be monthly, by school term or annually and only one Gift Aid Declaration is required throughout the life of your contributions. If you prefer, you can alternatively make donations by cash, cheque or online via school money (a login will be issued once your child has started school). Please find enclosed the relevant forms for completion.

I know that you will value the education that English Martyrs provides and I am confident of your support in developing, maintaining and improving the internal and external environment of the School. We will keep you informed of the cost of any building works that are needed, planned or undertaken under the scheme. Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Dworzak  
Headteacher