



The Marist Catholic Primary School

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6th June 2023

Dear Marist Parents and Carers

Re: Voluntary Contributions to the Governors' Fund – Request for donations

As a parent of a child at The Marist, you will know already how important the partnership between parents and school is. We are very proud of our modern facilities and the additional opportunities we offer. We continue to do this with your help and support. Your commitment to encouraging and supporting your child, academically and through extra-curricular activities make The Marist School such a special community.

I am writing to you because at this time, we need to ask for your help to supplement school funds.

Due to school budgets continually being cut, we are now compelled to draw on our Governors Fund to purchase items or services that would have previously been paid for from our Government allocations. Therefore, we are now even more reliant on our parents' generous contributions, which help us to provide the rich and varied education experience your child enjoys.

You may not be aware that faith schools have to contribute 10% to any capital project funding, and as a Catholic school in the Xavier Multi Academy Trust, the school Governors Fund must contribute 10% of any capital projects, such as building costs, general site repairs and improvements. Sadly, The Marist currently has the lowest parental contribution to the Governors' Fund of all the Xavier schools.

The Governors' Fund is made up of voluntary donations from parents of the children at The Marist School, to enhance their education. Over the years, the majority of parents have chosen to pay contributions via a monthly standing order. During the last five years, these contributions have funded or part-funded such purchases as: installing air conditioning in several classrooms; fencing around the school perimeter; maintenance to our school hall and other items, which keep our school compliant and safe.

To continue to develop our provision and facilities while your child is at The Marist School we are kindly asking you to sign up / continue to make to monthly donations to the Governors' Fund, if you have the financial capacity to do so. **A suggested minimum of £100 per family, per annum, can be made online via a regular bank transfer or via SCOPAY (see instructions below on how to make payments).** Any contribution made is entirely voluntary and your child will not suffer in any way if no contribution can be made.



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To pay via SCOPAY access your account via www.scopay.com through an internet browser NOT via the SCOPAY App.

- If you pay tax, first complete the online Gift Aid form on your SCOPAY account as this enables a tax refund to be reclaimed from HMRC.
- To access the form, click 'Your Info' at the top of the main page and then select 'Gift Aid' from the menu on the left hand side of the page. The Governors Fund Donation is under 'Trips and Events'. Please note this form can only be completed when accessing www.scopay.com through an internet browser NOT via the SCOPAY App.
- Many employers operate match funding or similar funding schemes that could increase your contribution. If your employer may run one of these schemes, please let us know so that we can help set this up.

Alternatively, if you wish to make a donation via regular bank transfer, please make directly to the Marist Governors Fund account:

- Account number – 18658763
Sort Code – 30-99-80
Name – The Marist Catholic Primary School
Reference – *please quote youngest Child's name*
- If you are a UK tax payer, please ensure you complete the online Gift Aid declaration on your SCOPAY account via www.scopay.com through an internet browser

Should you have any issues or questions relating to SCOPAY please contact the school office on 01932 344477 or email admin@marist.surrey.sch.uk

With thanks for your continued support.

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