

St. Gregory's Catholic High School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Below is your guide to the School Levy:

Your child attends St Gregory's Catholic High School which is a Catholic Voluntary Aided School. We do not make any profit and rely in part on our state income and the support of our community. Our aim is to provide education which is distinctively Catholic and ensure an experience of a Christian Community, in which is established a spirit of mutual trust and co-operation. As you are aware, we truly are, **'One Family.... inspired to learn'**.

Where does the school's financial income come from?

The state, through the Central Government and the Local Authority (LA), provides our income annually for staff costs, curriculum resources, exercise books and basic equipment. Catholic Voluntary Aided school buildings are repaired using a small Government contribution (held in trust) by the Trustees of the Archdiocese of Liverpool and funding we can bid for from the Levy (School Share).

What does the school have to contribute to?

The school has to make a 10% contribution to **all** the costs paid for from the money held in trust by the Archdiocese of Liverpool which can be used for the improvement of the school building.

The school also has to pay a per pupil contribution to the Levy (School Share) each year, regardless of how much is raised from parent/carer contributions, reducing the money we have to spend in school each year: this equates to £20 per family.

How parent/ carer contributions have benefited your children?

The generosity of parents/carers of the school who have supported us over the last few academic years, has allowed us to make significant improvements to the school, however, the contribution has fallen over the last couple of years. If we are able to raise enough funds, these are some things that pupils have asked for through pupil voice:

- Artificial playing surface
- Resources for lunch time activities
- Outdoor table tennis tables
- Recreation area improvements

How much contribution do we request from our parent/carers?

We kindly ask our parents and carers to contribute **£20 per family, annually.**

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We are aware that some families have to face tough choices of how they spend their incomes and that the nation is in a difficult financial situation at present.

However, I hope that seeing what parent and carer contributions are spent on, combined with how this has benefitted your child's overall education, makes it an easier decision for you to pay towards the School Levy.

Why is it important to contribute?

This year, contributions from parents are more important than ever with the increases in the cost of materials, in particular paper based resources including exercise books.

How to Pay

To make it easier for parents and carers, please make online payments using 'Ipay' under 'Donations'. You will be able to make payment of any amount and as often as you would like.

If you have any new ideas of how the school can raise funds for building purposes, I am sure the Governors would be delighted to consider these.

Please support us in protecting school funds for the benefit of your children.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed McGlinchey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ed McGlinchey
Headteacher