



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Continuing Improvements at St Mark's – our commitment with your help!**

Whether you are new to the school, or have had children at St Mark's for some time, we have no doubt that you will have noticed the facilities and learning environment that your children enjoy. We are committed to maintaining and improving these facilities in as many ways as possible, allowing every child who attends our school to have access to the highest quality learning environment possible.

As a Voluntary Aided school, we receive a small annual grant from the Department for Education which we are able to use for various capital projects. However, as a Voluntary Aided school we are required to find 10% of any amount we spend on such projects from our own resources. Please note that this is very different to the FOSM fundraising that happens. FOSM contribute to additional items outside of the school budget, whereas this capital donation goes towards the fabric of the building and associated costs.

In recent years, thanks to your generous voluntary contributions, we have been able to provide various new and upgraded facilities such as well needed classroom refurbishments. Going forwards we are saving to improve the drainage on pathways around the school, replacing current lighting with new LED efficient lighting, new carpets as well as other classroom refurbishments.

As you will be aware, funding in education is stretched, and demands on our budget are increasing as we endeavour to ensure we continue to employ highly trained staff and deliver the curriculum required by the Department of Education in an exciting and informative manner. Further, our school building is showing signs of age, and is requiring more and more work, which is typically expensive. Any annual donations from parents really make an enormous difference in allowing us to plan for future improvements.

A big thank you to all that have helped in the past with a donation, whether big or small, it has all helped towards creating and maintaining an exciting and safe environment for your children to learn and develop. It's really appreciated by the whole school community.

To continue to improve the facilities and school environment, we need your help, and that's why we ask all parents and carers to make a voluntary donation once a year. This is specifically for capital projects, not general school needs.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £30 per child or £40 per family. However, should this not be affordable or should you wish to donate more, any contribution, large or small, will be very gratefully received. Due to system restrictions online payments will be set to £30 per child but under or over payments can be made on your child's account.

**We kindly ask all parents and carers to fill in the form at [stmarksprimary.net/fund](http://stmarksprimary.net/fund).**

**If you are a taxpayer wishing to donate please also complete section 2 of the form to enable us to claim the gift aid. As a charity, we can claim an additional 25p for every £1 contributed if a 'gift aid' form is completed, increasing a £30 donation to £37.50.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to let the school office know and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support of St Mark's CofE Primary School.

Yours sincerely

**Aidan Kinnell,  
Chair of Governors**

Head Teacher: Charles Applegate  
Deputy Head Teacher: Nicola Ford



**Part 1**

**2024/25 Capital Projects Fund**

Name of child(ren) ..... Class(es) .....

**Please select one of the following:**

I would like to donate to the above scheme and enclose £..... (cash / cheque) (Please make cheques payable to **HCC**)

I would like to donate to the above scheme and will pay £..... using internet payments

**Or**

I do not wish to donate to the above scheme.

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**Part 2**

***Please only complete if you are a taxpayer***

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**GIFT AID DECLARATION**

**St Mark's Church of England Aided Primary School  
Danebury Road, Hatch Warren  
Basingstoke RG22 4US**

Title ..... First name ..... Surname.....

Full address .....

Please treat all donations I make as Gift Aid donations from this date until further notice.

I understand that I must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax you reclaim on my donations.

Signed ..... Date .....

**NB** Please notify us if you no longer pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations.