



12th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week the Governors met to discuss the finance of the school. You will be aware that teachers have been striking for an increase in pay and for more money to be allocated to schools for your children's education. St Mary's pupils have NOT been affected by these strikes and we are grateful that our staff do not want to disrupt the education of our pupils. Their commitment to the pupils and school is admirable. However, we do need your help.

There are monies outstanding from swimming lessons and other trips. As much as we would like to fund these exciting and rewarding activities and we do reduce costs where we can, the budget does not allow it. Parental contributions are essential, and we ask that these monies can be paid as soon as possible. This outstanding amount has implications on the curriculum funding for all pupils and may lead to a situation next academic year where we are not able to offer swimming or trips.

We do understand that there may be exceptional circumstances and school will always help where we can, in order to ensure your child has the same opportunities as everyone else. Please speak to the school if this is the case.

We are doing everything possible to secure value for money and next term we would like to have a PTA who can organise events to help benefit our pupils. If you are interested in being part of this, please do let school know.

Regards,

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Chair of Governors

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