

Governors' Maintenance and Contingency Fund



As Trent is a Voluntary Aided school, parents are asked to make an annual voluntary contribution to support the financing of the school. The money raised is managed and held by the school Governors in an account called the Governors' Fund. This is entirely separate from the main school budget, which is allocated by the Local Authority (LA) to the school under a formula based on the number of pupils in the school.



The Governors' fund pays for two main areas not fully covered by the LA budget, namely buildings maintenance and ICT (Information and Communication Technology). The ICT costs paid for out of this fund are only the capital cost of the computers for the children's use, including the software and training for upgrades.

Your Contribution

Parents can contribute through School Money.

We suggest a minimum voluntary aid donation of £30 per child, per term (September, January and April), but some families may be able to give more. Also, taxpayers who sign the Gift Aid form allow the school to claim an additional 20% back from the government. All contributions are voluntary and totally confidential.

The Governors' Fund enables us to make continuous tangible improvements to the School environment and the children's education.

Recent projects used the fund in these ways:

2011 - £11,000 getting powerful Internet into the school and a starter set of iPads.

2012 - £24,000 for the building work to replace the Y5 and Y6 toilets.

2013 - £21,000 for internal building work outside Y3 and Y4, landscaping the rear garden of the school and providing pupils with direct access from the hall to the playground.

2014 - £2,500 for internal electrical work

2015 - 11,000 to refurbish the girls' and boys' toilets

2016 - 9,000 for sinks and toilets in KS1 and remedial water pressure work

These are a few of the smaller projects involved in the maintenance of our school site. Larger projects e.g. repairs to the roof completed in 2014 £130,000 are the remit of the London Diocesan Board for Schools (LDBS). Who are the owners of our site.

Governors, Staff and Children are always very grateful for this support.