



Supporting St Michael's C of E Primary School

An exceptional community supporting an outstanding school

We know you are very proud of our exceptional results and the outstanding education your children receive, as recently affirmed by OFSTED. Your children enjoy a beautiful school and extensive grounds, which make St Michael's such a special and inspiring place to learn. However, the upkeep is costly and we need your support. Together, you can give every child at St Michael's the best chance to learn and grow.

St Michael's Learning Fund

As a Voluntary Aided school, the local authority only funds 90% of our building works and improvements. The remainder is funded partly via the London Diocesan Board for Schools (LDBS), and partly via your voluntary contributions to the St Michael's Learning Fund.

A huge thank you to those of you who already donate regularly to the Learning Fund. If you don't already do so, will you make a monthly contribution to our school?

Our aim for 2024 is for as many families as possible to commit to support us in maintaining and enhancing our exceptional school. Your support will make a huge difference, now more than ever as our costs continue to rise.

How to support your school

Please set up your regular donation to the Learning Fund today.



The easiest way to give to the Learning Fund is by setting up a standing order via your banking app (eg. £10, £20 or £40 month), using the following details:

Account name: St Michaels School

Type of account: Business

Sort code: 30-93-80

Account number: 18691660

You can also donate by logging into your child's **Scopay account** at scopay.com, and selecting 'St Michael's Learning Fund 23/24'.



All contribution amounts are voluntary and confidential.

We will continue to let you know how your donations are spent.

Thank you very much from past and present Governors, parents and pupils.



SMSA (St Michael's School Association)

We are also very fortunate to be supported by your parent-led fundraising body, the SMSA. The differences between the Learning Fund and the SMSA are summarised below. The school needs funds from both sources to be able to continue what we do.

| | St Michael's Learning Fund <i>Previously 'The Governors Fund'</i> | SMSA <i>St Michael's School Association</i> |
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| What is this? | Charitable trust that raises essential funds to maintain and improve your school. All voluntary aided schools (typically faith schools) have to raise funds from their community in this way. Your Governors are trustees of the fund, which is subject to regulation by the Charity Commission. | Parent-led body that runs social events throughout the school year for children and parents, to bring the community together and raise funds. A registered charity, subject to regulations by the Charity Commission. |
| How is the money raised spent? | A rolling program of essential works to our buildings, classrooms and grounds, as well as additional projects that make our school exceptional (e.g. our school library, and our digital offer). | Additional items to enrich our children's learning e.g. KS1 reading shed, classroom resources and new climbing frames. |
| How can parents contribute? | Regular contribution via standing order of £10, £20 or £40 a month; or more if you are in a position to do so. We also invite Y6 parents to make a one-off legacy donation to commemorate your child's time at St Michael's and to help other children have the same opportunities your child has benefitted from. | By continuing to support class cake sales, school fairs, and other special events including quiz nights, bonfire night and sponsored sports events throughout the year. |