

St Thomas More  
Language College  
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## Governors' Fund

### What is the Fund?

The Governors' Fund is a voluntary contribution from parents and carers towards the maintenance of the College. This money is managed by the College governors and is independent of the school's income and other fund raising. The Fund is spent for the benefit of the College in consultation with the Head Teacher.

### What is the Fund for?

STMLC is a Roman Catholic school administered by the Diocese of Westminster, and as such, is a Voluntary Aided (or VA) school. Unlike other state schools, VA schools have to provide for 10% of the school's upkeep and improvement.

### Donations from parents

When you accept a place at STMLC, you make a commitment to support the College in the education of your child. Donating to the fund is a practical demonstration of that commitment.

A request for parental contribution to a fund of this type is the norm for VA schools.

### How much should I give?

It is suggested that parents and carers with one child in the school will contribute £300 each year to the Governors Fund.

= £100 a term

= approx. £1 a day

*(This is less than 4-5 Coffees, 3 pints of beer or two bottles of wine per week)*

Where parents have two or more children in the school the expectation is that each additional child will pay only half the amount requested each year.

Parents are encouraged to give more if they can, and some do this. The Governors are grateful to all parents and carers for their support.

If any parents feel that they cannot contribute £300, please leave a note marked "The Governors' Fund" at the College Office stating what contribution they feel able to make.

For ways to pay, please turn over.

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What exactly will be the Fund used for?  
The College has ambitious future plans to improve the College to benefit and protect your children.

However, in the present economic circumstances, it is becoming more difficult each year to obtain funding from the local authority or Diocese. The Governors' Fund is vitally important to support the College's needs.

## Previous uses of the Fund

In the last few years the governors have supported the College's investments in a number of different areas. These have included:

- Redecoration and reordering of the College Chapel to create a dignified liturgical space at the heart of the College for the Mass and times of prayer.
- Refurbishment of the former Technology Building to create the Saint John Southworth Room
- Installation of the mezzanine floor to create a new RE room, new Department Office and a Music Practice room
- Complete refit of our suite of Science Laboratories
- Installation of the MAC suite within ICT
- Redesign of the PAL and SSC areas, new offices for College Counsellor and Support Worker, space for small group and 1:1 mentoring
- Redesign of the LSU and meeting rooms for specialist 1:1 mentoring

- Redecoration of the College Hall, installation of coloured Glass panels, sound boards and new folding doors to the Gym
- Redecoration of the College Library, new shelving units, computer desks and flooring

## The Future

We are ambitious for the success of every student to achieve their fullest potential – please help us to pay for the:

- Replacement of the Interactive Whiteboards in use throughout the College
- Refit the Changing Facilities for boys and girls PE
- Completion of the Chapel Stained Glass Windows project
- Further development of the College Site and buildings

## Parents may wish to fund a particular item:

- Interactive white boards £6-8k per classroom
- Individual stained glass unit as part of the scheme £6-10k per window
- Swimming pool £2-3 million
- New Teaching Block £5 million

## Payment: Wise pay or Cheques

- Payment is easy via **Wisepay**
- Cheques: your cheque should be made payable to '**St Thomas More Language College**' with your child's name and year group written on the envelope, and handed in at the College office. A receipt will be issued.