



**Bishop Challoner**  
Catholic School

9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents,

### **Your Annual Voluntary Contribution to the School Development Fund**

I am inviting you to make an annual voluntary contribution to the School Development Fund. The School Development Fund supports the funding of additional resources and activities to enhance learning, and to open up new opportunities for our students.

Historically, contributions to the School Development Fund have been used to fund improvements to areas such as the school Theatre, Sports Hall and Drama studio and most recently, for alterations to the school playground and the installation of additional seating areas outside.

Going forward, the school would like to undertake new projects with an emphasis on sustainability. Recently, a delegation from the student body presented to me a request for an outdoor living green wall to be installed on our school site. This is a project that the Governors wish to encourage and support financially. The benefits of an outdoor living green wall are many; they improve air quality, help reduce noise pollution, encourage interaction with nature and contribute to positive health benefits and improved mental well-being.

It is estimated that the school would need to raise approximately £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) to undertake and implement such a project and it is for this reason that we are asking for a contribution of £30 per year to the School Development Fund from each family. That equates to roughly a £1 a week for the school year.

The Governors acknowledge that in the current economic climate that this financial request may put a strain upon some of our families and want to make it very clear that this is a voluntary contribution and no student will be disadvantaged if their parents or carers are unable to make payment. However, it is hoped that all students will benefit from the contributions received so if you cannot afford to pay the amount suggested, we encourage you to give what you can as all contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Contributions are to be paid via ParentPay and may be paid either as one payment of £30 or spread into three termly payments of £10 each. I can assure you that all amounts received will be treated confidentially.

Thank you in advance for your support. Together let us improve the environment of the school for your child.

Thank you for your generosity.

Yours sincerely

**JP Morrison**  
**Headteacher**