

St Gildas' School Building and Maintenance Fund FAQ's

What is the purpose of the fund?

The fund was set up to support capital and maintenance works on the school premises. The Government contribution to capital works this year is c£7,000. This is not enough to perform any but the most basic of works on the school premises.

Also, as a VA school, we receive only 90% of capital grants that other state schools receive; the school having the find the remaining 10% from other sources.

The building and maintenance fund is needed to supplement the Government Grant and, without it, we would not be able to afford any major repairs or improvements.

How has the fund been used in St Gildas'?

The fund is used to meet 10% of general repairs and maintenance costs, and other premises expenses not met by government funding such as buildings insurance. It is also used to in unaided projects like the new office incorporating a supervised sick bay for children who feel poorly during the school day.

As regards improvements, the most recent major projects for the school have been the replacement of the school fencing and the development new Year 3 classrooms. In 2016 the school was able to repay the final £20,000 regarding the latter development.

In recent years we saw the rebuilding of the entrance to the main playground and the renovation of the Year 5 classrooms. Also, the building fund contributed to the installation of a new kitchen at a total cost of around £160,000. We have also purchased essential classroom heating equipment and new window blinds.

The school has applied for a grant to replace the obsolete heating boilers that, if successful, will lead to a liability of £19,000 that must be funded by the school.

These works would not have been possible without your support and generosity.

Does the Building Fund Pay for the current Playground Development?

No. That is a separately funded endeavour with support from sponsors both within and without the school.

Is the donation amount fixed?

As a guide, we suggest an annual donation of £60 per child or more. Some families can afford more and some are not able to give anything. We are grateful for every donation of whatever size and for other forms of support from those not able to make a financial commitment.

What does the Gift Aid declaration commit me to?

Absolutely nothing! It simply ensures that we can claim an extra 25 per cent back from the Inland Revenue and if you are a taxpayer, you can claim your donation as a deduction.

How long does the Gift Aid declaration last ?

The declaration remains valid as long as you remain a UK taxpayer. Please let us know if your tax status changes or your address changes. If in doubt, please sign a new declaration.