



## Annual Parental Levy in Roman Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Salford

Dear Parent or Carer,

Saint Augustine's is one of over 200 schools belonging to the Diocese of Salford. Every year the Diocese is awarded a capital grant to help it modernise its schools. Funding for Catholic schools is different from those with no religious affiliation and such schools must meet 10% of any new building costs themselves, and this money is raised via the Annual Parental Levy. The Bishop of Salford has called on all parents to support the Levy and this year we are asking for **£20** per pupil or **£30 per family** if more than one pupil attends. Please help us to share the burden fairly by making your contribution.

St Augustine's has recently benefitted from a grant from the Diocese to build a new Music Room and as a successful, oversubscribed school, we are in a strong position to bid for further building programmes in the future. Parental support in meeting the 10% costs is essential if we are to make the most of this scheme.

If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to **St Augustine's Association Covenant Account**. On the next page you will see a **Gift Aid** declaration. By signing and returning this with your cheque or cash payment, the school will be able to claim back the tax on your donation. **This will bring in even more revenue to the school at no cost to yourself**. Some families may want to gift aid more than £20 and your generosity in these cases will be immensely appreciated.

The school has already paid the entire Diocesan Levy for all families "up front" but each year this leaves a hole in our finances which we need your help to fill. The Levy is voluntary, but children are our most precious investment and we trust that all our families recognise that the burden needs to be shared. St Augustine's is committed to the overall well-being of our pupils and is constantly pushing for better facilities. Every pound you donate attracts an additional £9 towards new buildings.

**Your £20 donation is worth £200 to the school in real terms.**

Please return your contributions as early as possible.

Many thanks for your support!

Yours faithfully,

Michael Wright, Headteacher