



Tuesday, 5 December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Winter Gala, arranged so well by the **St. Joseph's School Association (SJSA)**, and to hear Dr Fernandes-Viana share achievements from this term and the exciting plans for St Joseph's as part of the **Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust**.

We would like to thank the **SJSA** for all their support and the collaborative approach they have taken to fundraising at the school - there is such a wonderful sense of community at St Joseph's. On a personal level, it has been exciting working with the school in recent months and seeing first-hand how ambitious the school is for its pupils.

As you are aware, due to reductions in state funding, our ability to provide a first-class Catholic education relies more than ever on the support of our community. As we face these unprecedented challenges, we are asking all families and friends of the school to consider what they can do to support St Joseph's with a new fundraising campaign to run alongside all the outstanding work being carried out by the SJSA.

Alongside the Governors and staff, we are therefore delighted to be launching a new school fundraising campaign called the **Live Life to the Full Fund**. The focus of this new fund is to bring everyone in our community together to continue to improve provisions for our pupils and ensure we can give them the best possible educational experience. The fund will replace the previous Governors' Fund and further details can be found on the [St Joseph's website](#).

We would like to invite all families to consider giving to the **Live Life to the Full Fund** at a level which is right for them, taking into account circumstances and existing commitments. All donations will come through our new Trust Foundation - meaning we can also claim Gift Aid to benefit pupils further - and your gifts will be used solely to support pupils here at St Joseph's.

While we have no way of knowing if a gift from you is possible, we are confident in the worthiness of the cause and the difference we can make together for our pupils. Enclosed with this letter is information about the Fund and how you can make a contribution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Fernandes-Viana or I would be more than happy to discuss the Fund with you personally and please email - [development@sjscat.co.uk](mailto:development@sjscat.co.uk)

Through the collective effort of the entire community, we can help to ensure that St Joseph's continues to be a truly special place, which offers a fantastic education and opportunities to all pupils, regardless of their background. Thank you for considering this request.

Yours sincerely,

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