



**THE MINSTER  
NURSERY AND INFANT SCHOOL**  
SCHOOL OF INSPIRATION  
DETERMINATION HONOUR BELIEVE  
PREPARING FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE WITH INNOVATIVE AND EXCITING LEARNING

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**Church Schools are funded differently**

When the present system of state education was set up in 1944, there was already an established system of church schools in the country.

The history of church schools began when the National Society for the Promotion of Education opened schools in 1811. National Society trained inspectors inspect church schools today. The church has been committed to educating children long before this with 'Sunday Schools' with the aim of educating the working poor children of the community. Although our children are no longer expected to work. That vision remains today.

These days, church school governors are financially responsible for the buildings because the land that our schools are built on is partly owned by Croydon and partly the Church of England. This is where 'Voluntary Aided' comes from. Governors have to pay 10% of improvement or maintenance projects.

Every year, the school pays a subscription to a maintenance scheme arranged by the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education. The scheme helps to protect governors from incurring expensive bills. These costs include buildings, heating, plumbing, refurbishing old classrooms and power supply.

This scheme costs this school approximately £10,000 each year.

It has been usual for church schools to ask for a contribution towards this maintenance subscription. Up until now, we have avoided asking for contributions but are now facing a situation where we should be most grateful if families could consider making a voluntary contribution towards this cost. You can use ParentPay under the *School Maintenance Fund* - £10 per term per family in the Nursery & Infant School.

With many thanks,

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