

Our Church – Our School – One Community



Our Parish Priest – Father John Byrne - One of my greatest joys as Parish Priest is popping into St. Lawrence School. I always find the children to be responsive, polite, and joyful. It is wonderful to see how they have grown in their faith and all the staff have great commitment and dedication. The relationship between our Parish and our School has always been very strong and the links that are made allow the children's faith to grow and blossom.

It was a special occasion to bless the new classrooms during an open-air Mass in July. The children and the teachers seem so happy in their new surroundings. I am sure they will be a huge asset for future generations of children. Let us wholeheartedly support the appeal for funds for the new classrooms.

Our Head Teacher, Mr Leo Duggan - Our school is successful on every level. A great deal of our success is because of our relationship with our families, our church and our parish. We are truly blessed to have a very committed and experienced staff who go beyond to provide for the children of our parish.



As our recent OFSTED REPORT stated... *'Pupils are happy and safe at St Lawrence Catholic Primary School. Their teachers are kind and caring. A parent said, reflecting the view of many, 'It is like dropping our children off with family each day.' Pupils are proud of their school and its facilities.'*

The parish built our school in 1934 to promote our Catholic faith. Many of you will have attended our school or have or intend to send your children to St Lawrence.

As a Catholic school we need to work together with our parish to deliver the stated aim of the school as part of our parish.'

Our School Governing Body - 'St Lawrence Catholic Primary School is a 'Voluntary Aided Faith School'. This status allows us to ensure that our Catholic Faith is part of our everyday life at school and propagates our Catholic faith in Feltham.

Unfortunately, there is a down-side to having this status - we only receive 90% of the cost of any work that needs doing to keep the school premises in a good state of repair and fit

for purpose (known as 'Capital Projects'). That means the school's Governing Body together with the parents and parishioners have to raise the remaining 10% of these costs. This is obviously quite a challenge, as the only ways that we can do so are through fundraising, corporate sponsorship or voluntary contributions. Whilst we do explore alternative sources of income, we are heavily dependent on your generosity - as parishioners and parents - to support us in providing a decent learning environment for your children.'



The children have new state of the art classrooms that are purpose built. These new buildings are warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

The El Camino building will be there for generations to come to allow our school to continue to provide excellent education in a broad and balanced curriculum that includes at least 10% RE and Catholic worship.



The cost of the new classrooms – The El Camino Building – If

you remember the temporary huts, which were installed nearly 30 years ago - with a planned life of 10 years – you will agree that they were no longer fit for purpose. Our children deserved better, so we commissioned a state-of-the-art permanent building – ‘El Camino’ - to replace the huts, and meet our children’s needs. This is now fully operational.



Total Cost:

£1,623,000

We managed to secure funding from the Government via the Diocese towards this, but we need to find **£162,300** (10%) as our contribution from our parish community.

By visiting our just giving page and making a donation, you are supporting the Parish.

To make donation, simply visit our Just Giving page or scan the QR code:



<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-lawrence-governing-body>

This will make a massive difference for the children of St Lawrence Catholic Primary school both present and future. Thank you for your continuing generosity to the various appeals we will be making during the coming years.

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