



THE NEW GUILD TRUST

School Fund Policy

POLICY

This policy has been adopted on behalf of all academy schools in The New Guild Trust:

**Moorpark Junior School
Jackfield Infant School
Alexandra Junior School
Alexandra Infants' School**

Approval and Review

Committee to Approve Policy	Trust Board
Date of Trustee Board / Academy Committee Approval	December 2026
Chair of Trustee Board / Academy Committee	Mrs L Eagle
Signature	<i>L. Eagle</i>
Accounting Officer	Mrs K Peters
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Version Control			
Version	Date Approved	Changes	Reason for Alterations
Initial	Sept 2019		
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	Dec 26	Updated removal of SBM to Finance officers	

This policy outlines the objectives and uses adopted by The New Guild Trust for monies that are raised mainly through fundraising and voluntary contributions from parents and classified as School Fund.

School Fund is a voluntary fund not officially owned by The New Guild Trust but is controlled and administered with the same standards as those expected for official Academy monies. It is identified in a separate Cost Centre (Section IL220 - 0076) and Ledger Code (580301) within each Academy school budget. Best practice is maintained through guidance in the MAT Accounting, Finance and Resources Policy.

Monies raised are used to benefit all the pupils within The New Guild Trust to enhance the quality of teaching and learning. It provides extra funding/subsidy for specific projects/equipment/materials not identified or funded from within the Academy schools' budgets.

OBJECTIVES

Income is raised for School Fund through voluntary contributions from parents in a variety of ways relevant to each Academy school, for example:

- 50p contributions from parents for Infant Class Banks (Jackfield Infant School only).
- Sponsored/fundraising events.
- Home/School Community Link activities, e.g. Fayres, Tuck Shop.
- Commission from book fair events/mail order book catalogue.
- Commission from the sale of photographs.
- Commission from recycling clothing, textiles, shoes.

The extra funds provided by School Fund enable the following:

- Enrichment through subsidising trips/theatre visits.
- Consumable classroom resources to enhance the delivery of lessons.
- Hosting of annual Christmas fundraising events.
- Leavers' and Christmas gifts.
- School Council Activities.
- Hosting of termly discos/end of term treats.
- Prizes, Rewards.
- P.E. Mats, Playground activities
- Gardening supplies/pupil equipment

RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

LCGB Governors/Trustees

- The School Fund Accounts will be audited as part of the internal and external auditing cycle outlined in the MAT Accounting, Finance and Resources Policy.

Head Teacher/Head of School

- All expenditure must be authorised by the Head Teacher/Head of School.
- Two signatories are required to administer/issue funds as per the MAT Scheme of Delegation.

Finance Officers

- Must ensure that all School Fund monies are counted and authorised in the presence of two people as per the MAT Accounting, Finance and Resources Policy.
- Receipts for purchases to be reimbursed from School Fund must be given to the Finance Officers with a completed School Fund Expenses form to be submitted to the Head Teacher/Head of School.
- The Finance officers must ensure that School Fund monies from any relevant activity are submitted promptly to the School Office and banked.