

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – CAPITAL ENHANCEMENT OF KEY STAGE 2 CLASSROOMS

INTRODUCTION

Sacred Heart's bid for this grant forms part of a five year plan that will be carried out by the school over a number of years to improve the building. The school has a clear vision and a 5 year plan in place to improve the environment for pupils and staff and to meet its Health & Safety and Safeguarding obligations.

Over the past few years the school has made successful bids via LCVAP to create:

- A secure and welcoming reception and waiting area. This included creating a larger, fit for purpose office for the school admin team
- new pvc windows to the rear of the building (classrooms) to improve heat retention
- new roofing over classroom block.

This year the school seeks to start enhancing the learning experience by improving our classrooms. LCVAP has become restricted over the last few years to projects of immediate need, rather than preventative, which is what we need to achieve with our classrooms.

Classrooms

The school and its Consultants believe that to enhance and future proof the children's working environment a full re think of the classrooms will need to be undertaken, this includes rearranging the internal layouts to create a more effective use of the restricted space we have.

The school was built in 1961 and the main teaching block consists of a four storey building the first three floors being the classrooms. Each year group has interconnecting doors. Originally the classrooms were built as part of the expansion of a secondary school. The resulting classrooms are very small in comparison to most primary school classrooms. They have been modified piecemeal over the years but now need to be looked at holistically to bring our building into the 21st century and make the children learning experience as good as it can be. Arranged over the four floors each classroom has interconnecting doors. The classrooms are dated and no longer suitable for modern teaching. Effectively we plan to refurbish one floor at a time or as funds allow.

The glazing to the windows has been replaced and would not need replacing. The blinds have recently been replaced with more suitable ones that provide the level of insulation and light, required to keep the classroom at an ambient temperature for pupils and staff and to facilitate use of IT equipment.

IT

Current IT is adequate and covered under our five year plan and is partially funded by our parents association but as part of the refurbishment some rewiring and repositioning may need to take place.

CONCLUSIONS

The school consider that this bid for the funding of a Teaching Wall to be installed in a couple of classrooms and the improvements which it will enable is of vital importance to the school on Health and Safety grounds and make the following statements:

- It is essential for the wellbeing of staff and children to ensure that the condition of the teaching environment provide sufficient assurance as to the health, safety and welfare of all who are using the building.
- To provide a safe and efficient working space within the school for the children.
- To enhance the learning experience for each child

The school consider this bid to be fundamental to the overall, long term safety and operation of the principle school buildings. Through a bid it is felt that other ancillary upgrades to the building fabric and overall functionality of the school can be further accommodated through detailed consideration and careful, long term planning in the expenditure of any allocated budget.

We would respectfully ask that bid be obtained for this, to ensure a better experience for children, parents, and visitors.

Costs:

Teaching walls vary according to individual specifics but for each class cost up to £5,000. Below are a few pictures of what they look like and as you can see they are customized according to your needs and size of the classroom hence the variance in exact price.

Our parent's association have raised an impressive £9,013.32 so far since September and hope to raise a similar amount by the end of the summer term. They are constantly and tirelessly thinking of ways to raise funds for the school, even to match their effects would be of a huge benefit to the school.

The school would like to request CIL funding of **£10,000** to match what our parent's association has raised to enable us to install these Teaching Walls in at least two further classrooms.

School Business Manager



