



Charging policy

Mission Statement and Aims

We strive to strengthen our relationships with others as part of God's family. We are a place of distinctive excellence where all are valued as individuals. We achieve this by involving our children in a lively and relevant curriculum.

Our aims are:

- To provide an awareness and experience in the Christian faith, cultivating spirituality, mutual respect and responsibility.
- To encourage our children to explore and experience the Christian faith, develop a true sense of awe and wonder and celebrate the significant Christian festivals.
- To promote the highest academic standards in all aspects of the curriculum by ensuring that all of our children learn and make progress.
- To ensure that everyone within our school feels safe and valued and is encouraged to develop lively enquiring minds, to question and reason.
- To encourage independence and skills for life-long learning.
- To teach respect for others and their beliefs through RE, Collective Worship and the hidden curriculum.
- To nurture links between our school, the home, the parish and society

Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum in school time.

1 Voluntary contributions

1.1 When organising school visits, visitors or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a visit. If a visit goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

1.2 If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school activity or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the visit or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each visit is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

1.3 Parents whose children receive Free School Meals are sent a letter which invites them to make a voluntary contribution which is less than those children who do not receive a Free School Meal.

1.4 The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:



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- visits to museums; places of interest
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school visits abroad;
- musical events.
- visitors delivering workshops to the pupils

2 Residential visits

2.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or weekends we suggest a subsidised charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled.

3 Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2 (usually Years 3 and 4). These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

4. Transport

We do not charge for transporting pupils to or from the school premises, where the local education authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport; or for any transport to other premises where the governing body or local education authority has arranged for pupils to be educated (such as for swimming lessons).

5 Charges:

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge for the activities and items detailed below:

- Visits which are not part of the school curriculum or are outside the school day
- After school and pre-school clubs
- Music tuition if it is not required for the National Curriculum and is provided for an individual pupil or for groups of pupils.
- Deliberate damage to school property
- Visits to school by professionals e.g. Authors, storytellers, musicians, dancers, artists etc.

6 The Governing Body may, from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made.

Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing education for pupils.

7 Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if necessary.

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