
ALL SAINTS ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

POLICY ON CHARGING AND REMISSIONS

INTRODUCTION

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards a pupil's personal and social education. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

CHARGES

1. Materials for Practical Subjects

Section 106 of the 1988 Education Act states that no charge may be made for materials, books, instruments or other equipment for use during school hours. However, "voluntary contributions" may be asked for in cash or kind towards the cost of any materials or ingredients, as long as no child is excluded from any part of the activity. Clothing is not included in the legislation so parents may be asked to provide appropriate clothing for practical work in technology (including cooking) and art.

2. Musical Activities

If tuition in the recorder is provided by school staff free of charge for those who wish it, and if this tuition is provided in the lunch break, deemed by the Act to be outside school hours, parents of children who take up this optional activity will be expected to provide the instrument and the approved tuition book. Group tuition in other musical instruments is available from the North Yorkshire Music Service. There is a charge made for this service, payable to the agencies involved.

3. School Visits

Under the terms of the 1988 Education Act the school is not permitted to make a charge for school visits which take place mainly or wholly during school hours. However the school is permitted to ask for a voluntary contribution to cover the costs. On a residential field trip the school can charge for the cost of board and lodging but not for the cost of activities that take place during school hours. Once again a request can be made for a voluntary contribution to cover these costs. No child will be excluded if a parent refuses to make such a contribution but if insufficient contributions are received the visit will not be able to go ahead.

4. Swimming

The school is charged for the use of the pool and for tuition by an instructor. Some funding is received via the school budget but it does not cover the full cost. Parents are asked to make a weekly donation, but children will not be excluded from the swimming lesson if no donation has been made.

5. After-school clubs

Where a charge is levied by an external provider of an after-school club, the charge will be passed on in full to parents who wish to take up this option for their child. (See Pupil Premium funding below)

REMISSIONS

Where the parents of a pupil are in receipt of income support or family credit, the Governing Body will remit in full the cost of board and lodging for any residential activity that it organises for the pupil if the activity is deemed to take place within the school hours or where it forms part of the syllabus for the National Curriculum. In other circumstances, there may be cases of family hardship that make it difficult for pupils to take part in particular activities for which a charge is made. When arranging a chargeable activity, the Governing Body will invite parents to apply in confidence for the remission of charges in part or in full. Authorisation of remission will be made by the Head Teacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors. The Governing Body reserve the right to seek funding from the Parent Teacher Association or agencies such as the Rotary Club to help meet this cost.

Amendment April 2014:

Charges for pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding will be paid for from the funding, where activities are deemed to be curriculum enrichment.

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