

# **CHARGING POLICY FOR ST WILFRID'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **Principles**

We are committed to a free school education for all.

### **We Aim To:**

- Ensure that education in school is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.
- Ensure that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal school teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- Ensure that there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education but the school has the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
- Ensure that the school has the right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of activities organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

## **PRACTICES**

**With the aforementioned aims in mind, it is the Policy of this school:**

- To continue to request voluntary contributions from parents towards activities organised by the school during school hours.
- Subsidies may be available for children whose parents are unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution.
- If insufficient voluntary contributions are forthcoming for an activity and insufficient subsidies are available, then that activity will be cancelled.
- A charge will be made for all non-residential activities which take place wholly or more than 50% outside school hours, where the child's participation has been agreed in advance by the parents. The charge will include the cost of travel, entrance fees, insurance, books, equipment and any staff (teaching or nonteaching) engaged specifically for the activity.
- Residential trips outside school hours - a residential trip is deemed to take place outside school hours if the number of "missed" school sessions is less than half of the number of half days taken up by the trip. Charges will be made as described above.
- The school may charge for the cost of ingredients, materials and equipment where parents have expressed the wish to have the finished product.
- The school may make charges for breakages and damage to property including window breakage and cost for graffiti removal.
- The school may charge for lost school property i.e. books.
- Music Tuition - there will be a charge for individual or group tuition in playing

a musical instrument which is neither part of the syllabus for an approved public examination, nor part of the National Curriculum. School subsidises this for pupils eligible for FSM.

The following is a list of additional activities which may require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

visits to museums;

sporting activities which require transport expenses where Sports Premium cannot cover this.

outdoor adventure activities;

visits to or by a theatre company;

school trips abroad;

musical events.

### **Residential visits**

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, although parents who receive state benefits we can assist using the Pupil Premium to subsidise costs. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

### **Charging Policy**

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