St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School

Charging Policy

Mission Statement

'Enter to learn, learn to serve'
At St Anthony's, it is our mission to provide a high quality education, in a Gospel centred Community, where individual needs and talents are appreciated and catered for. We strive for excellence in all we do. At all times the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Date of issue	Review date	Date ratified by Governing Body
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1 Introduction

1.1 All education during school hours 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.

1.2 We may organise occasional additional specialist curriculum events for which parents and carers may be invited to make a voluntary contribution.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips, visits or special events which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents or carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If there is a shortfall in contributions the event may have to be cancelled.

2.2 No child will be excluded or disadvantaged because their parent or carer is unable or unwilling to contribute. If a trip goes ahead, it may well include children whose parents have not made a contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.3 Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

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

- Occasional one-off visits by actors and specialist curriculum providers.
- visits to museums.
- sporting activities which require transport expenses.
- outdoor adventure activities.
- visits to the theatre; school trips abroad; musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging.
All visits are planned with inclusion in mind. It is expected that all children in a class or group will be able to participate irrespective of ability to pay.

The school will ensure that arrangements are in place to offer financial assistance with costs to parents or carers of children who might otherwise be unable to participate.

For residential visits which take place out of school hours, parents will be charged for both the educational and travel expenses.

However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging except for pupils whose parents are receiving:

- Universal Credit in prescribed circumstances
- Income Support (IS)
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)

- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190.
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- An income related employment and support allowance
- Children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. 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, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Review

The impact of this policy will be reviewed by the Governors each year.
The Governors will review the financial impact in school budget annually.