

St John's Catholic Junior School

"Love one another as I have loved you."

CHARGING POLICY



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Policy on Charging

1 Introduction

1.1 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, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. In the event those parents who have made a contribution will be refunded. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents or carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

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

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

- educational visits
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to or by a theatre company
- musical events

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 The school organises a residential visit for Year 6 children which provides education directly related to the National Curriculum. We make charges for the travel, board and lodging.

4 Music tuition

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

5 Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. The lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place.

6 After School Activities

- 6.1 The school offers many additional after school activities, which incur no charge. When a qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises sessions, we make a small charge for these.

7 Monitoring and review

- 7.1 This policy is monitored by the Governing Body, and will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if necessary.

8. We do not sell milk in school.

9. The school does not operate a Lettings system as we don't hire out the school.

10. The school charges for School Meals at £2.40 a day which may or may not increase year on.