

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School Charging Policy



Introduction

All education during school hours at St Kentigern's is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the school curriculum.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips 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 but if the school does not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, the school may have to cancel the trip. The costs are kept to a minimum as we have our own school minibus and are able to use it with Devonshire's minibus to take whole classes out, at a fraction of the cost of hiring a coach.

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

Optional Extras

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"; parents "opt" for their children to take part. Although we like all children to be included, we recognise that sometimes parents do not wish their children to participate.

This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums or places of interest for topic work
- Sporting Activities which may require transport
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to or by a theatre company
- Visitors to school
- Residential school trips
- Musical events

School will endeavour to give parents plenty of notice about forthcoming visits and offers the opportunity to pay for residential visits by instalment, to help spread the cost.

Our school is centered on inclusion and any parent experiencing hardship is welcome to approach Mrs Wygladala in confidence for negotiated assistance.

Music Tuition

All children at St Kentigern's study music as part of the school curriculum. There is currently no charge for instrumental tuition either as an individual or small group, even though it is an additional curriculum activity. These individual or small group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers and funded by the Governors through the school budget or the Government's Wider Opportunities Grant. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 5 in the Autumn and Spring terms and Year 4 in the Summer term. These take place in school time and we make no charge for this activity. Parents are informed, via the newsletter, when these lessons are to take place. We access swimming lessons at Palatine pool and use the school minibus with Devonshire's minibus and our own MIDAS trained drivers to transport.

Extra Curricular Activities.

The school offers a range of extra- curricular activities, staffed by our teachers and coaches, for which there is no charge. We do not charge for any of these sessions, all the materials for art, craft and cooking clubs are provided by the school.

Loss or Damage:

The school will ask parents to make a contribution to cover all or part of the costs of lost book or equipment, or damage caused by carelessness or vandalism.

Monitoring and Review

This policy is monitored by the Governing Body and will be reviewed in 2 years, or earlier if necessary.

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