

St Mary's CE Primary School

Charging for Activities Policy Statement

CHARGES

The governors will normally expect parents to pay for:

- The cost of activities and optional extras which take place out of school hours, unless these form an essential part of the National Curriculum;
- The board, transportation, and lodging costs of any residential trips, whether in or out of school time;
- The cost of ingredients and materials for cookery, needlework, craft and technology when the finished product is to be taken home;
- The cost of repairs for breakages and damage arising from misbehaviour;

- Outside providers such as Music, Drama, Sport and other club providers charge parents privately for these sessions.
- The cost of out-of-school-hours childcare provided on the school premises, such as Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club.

REMISSIONS

When the parent/guardians are receiving Income Support, Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and Child Tax Credit, where the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and whose annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190, the Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit or an income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008, the following charges will be covered by Pupil Premium funding:

- The full cost of board, transportation, and lodging for the Year 6 residential trip for any child in receipt of Free School Meals at any point during their time in Year 6.
- 50% of the full cost of board, transportation, and lodging for the Year 6 residential trip for any other child recognised as Ever6 during their time in Year 6.
- Military Ever 5 will have a proportion of the costs of the Year 6 residential paid.
- The full cost of ingredients or materials for cookery, needlework, craft and technology when the finished product will not be taken home.
- The cost of school trip and other additional experiences will be met in line with the Pupil Premium Grant spending plan.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The staff, on behalf of the governors, will invite parents and others to make voluntary contributions towards various activities during the year. All requests for voluntary contributions will make it clear that contributions are voluntary and that children of parents who do not contribute will not be treated any differently. No pupil will be left out of an activity because their parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind, however, where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, and there is no way to make up the shortfall, then it must be cancelled.

- The cost of transportation to and from swimming lessons will be covered by voluntary contributions;
- Parents will not be asked to subsidise children from other families;
- Costs will be kept to a minimum;

Cases of financial hardship in relation to all charges and voluntary contributions will be dealt with at the Head Teacher's discretion. They will be dealt with sympathetically and confidentially by the school, and no pupil will be identified or treated differently because of such circumstances.