

# ST. MICHAEL'S C. E PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Charging Policy

### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupil's. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

### 2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents 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 have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request. With school budgets reducing in real terms, the school relies on parental support to be able to offer these trips.

- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- residential trips
- visits to or by a theatre;
- cinema visits
- 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 make a charge for travel expenses and to cover the cost of board and lodgings,

although parents who receive benefits are exempt from this charge. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through voluntary contributions the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

#### **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. They make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition available each academic year.

#### **5 Swimming**

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for 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 and we not ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of transport. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the parent's permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

#### **6 Sports Coaching**

- 6.1 The school offers a few additional sports coaching sessions for groups of children after school. On occasions a qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organizes these sessions. The coaches make a small charge to the individual children for these sessions.

**Charging for Wrap Around and additional Nursery Charges for unfunded sessions are detailed separately on the website under Nursery Charges and Warp Club charges.**

#### **7 Monitoring and Review**

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

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