



Charging Policy for St Anne Line Catholic Infant School

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken during school hours as part of the National Curriculum.

School trips/visits and any extra-curricular activities during in school time - voluntary contributions

- When organising school activities, trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school expects parents/carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If sufficient voluntary contributions are not made a proposed event would be cancelled unless school is able to cover the shortfall arising from parents/carers unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution. If the event does proceed each child would be allowed to participate fully without discrimination irrespective of contribution circumstances.
- Parents/Carers have a right to know how each individual trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.
- The following is a list of additional activities sometimes organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:
 - visits to museums;
 - sporting activities – sometimes involving transport expenses;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
 - visits to the theatre;
 - musical events.
- Parents/Carers will be given reasonable advanced notice of proposed visits/ activities and school will provide details of how each individual voluntary contribution amount has been determined. Staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant.

Swimming

- The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 1. These take place in school time and are in addition to the requirements of Key Stage 1 National Curriculum. We ask for voluntary contributions in order to meet the tuition and associated transport costs. If sufficient voluntary contributions are not made, this activity may have to be cancelled. 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.

Forest Schools

- In the Spring term Year Two children will be invited to take part in a Forest School programme at Norsesy Woods. The school will meet the cost of this through out PE and Sports Premium Grant but will need to ask for voluntary contributions to assist with travel and other related costs.

Out of School clubs and activities

- The school offers a range of out-of-school clubs – and reserves the right to charge for such sessions to cover the cost of provision where those activities are not directly aimed at providing educational benefit to pupils.

Childcare

- Parents/Carers will be responsible for meeting full costs for childcare provided by school or by a partner working with school, including any transport costs for supervised transfer. Parents/Carers may be eligible for financial support towards childcare costs eg through Working Tax Credits. The school will aim to promote financially self-sustainable childcare with full regard to existing provision within the locality.

Transport to Extra-Curricular Activities

- Parents/Carers may be charged to cover the transport expenses associated with the cost of the trip an extra-curricular activity. Charges for transport will be strictly based on covering actual costs (as defined in legislation) with no profit element.

Loss of/ Damage to School Property

- Parents/Carers may be asked to meet the costs of repair/replacement of school property lost or damaged as a result of a pupil's misbehaviour.

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