

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING POLICY

1 Introduction

1.1 This document is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies in respect of charging for school activities.

It is in accordance with Government legislation and emanates from the school's Mission Statement. Furthermore, it is in accord with the school's Equal Opportunities Policy.

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

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.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities 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 which require transport expenses
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to the theatre
- 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 do make a charge. However, parents will be given eight months notice and will be provided with the facility to make weekly contributions towards the costs. In the event of hardship the school will liaise with parents and subsidise where possible.

4 Music Tuition

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

4.2 Instrumental Tuition. School currently offers instrumental tuition to pupils at Key Stage two under a Service Level Agreement paid by school. A parental contribution of £2 per session is required for this tuition.

5 Extended Schools

5.1 Breakfast Club sessions are offered on a daily basis at a cost of £3.50 per child, for each session.

5.2 After School Club sessions are offered on a daily basis at a cost of £8.00 per child for each session.

5.3 These clubs are bookable on a half termly basis and payable monthly in advance via parentpay.

6 Club Activities

6.1 Extra-curricular clubs and societies operate at various periods during the academic year. There is no charge for these activities.