

St. Michael's RC Primary School



Charging Policy

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small- group music tuition.

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. 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 contributions.

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.

The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school that requires voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as “optional extras”. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to local curriculum centres
- school trips
- sporting activities which require transport contribution

Residential Visits (If applicable)

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, where the intention is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum or religious education then no charge can be made for the cost of the travel or for the education. However charges will be made for board and lodging

Music tuition

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

There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, this charge can be made for teaching either an individual pupil or groups of appropriate size to play a musical instrument or to sing.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take place. We do request a contribution towards the cost of transport.

Breakfast Club.

This is an out of hour's child care facility for children currently attending St.Michael's school. The current costs for breakfast club are £2.00

Children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium

Parents of children who are in receipt of pupil premium will have all trips, (including residential trips), swimming lessons and clubs provided by outside providers paid for by the school. All breakfast club costs for children in receipt of pupil premium will also be paid for. A £50 voucher will also be issued by the school for all children in receipt of Pupil Premium towards the cost of school uniform

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body and will be reviewed in three years, or earlier if necessary.

This policy was formally adopted in the **term 2 2016**.

Chair of Governors _____

Head teacher _____

Date _____