



St Mary's Church of England Primary School
Fowler Road, Islington, London N1 2EP

'Believe and Achieve'

Charging Policy

1) Introduction

- 1.1** All education during school hours is free. Although we do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum (with the exception of instrumental music tuition), there will be occasions when we ask for a contribution towards, for example, trips and workshops.

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 are examples of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive but includes:-
- visits to museums
 - sporting activities which require transport expenses
 - outdoor adventure activities
 - visits to or by a theatre company
 - school trips and residential trips
 - musical events

2.4 St. Mary's Church of England Primary School is a voluntary aided school and as such our building is owned by the LDBS not the local authority. To maintain the building we buy into an insurance scheme run by the LDBS and we ask parents for contributions to this 'Maintenance Scheme'

3) Residential Visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. Fundraising events are organised by parents to support contributions towards the travel expenses.

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 music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The school currently offers violin lessons at a low cost.

5) Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. 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 ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6) Breakfast Club

6.1 A variety of activities take place during Breakfast Club for children 5 years of age and above. We make a charge of £1 per child per day for the activity and the breakfast.

7) After School Clubs

7.1 A Variety of afterschool clubs are held (for children 5 years of age and above) with a charge of £20 for a whole term.

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