



# St Mary's Church of England Primary School



## *Charging and Remissions Policy for Parents*

### **Vision statement**

#### **Our Vision**

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16.

We believe that everyone is precious and loved by God.

We aspire to let our light shine in all that we do.

We nurture and empower one another to flourish.

Together we shine in our world by showing compassion and by serving others.

Let God's light shine through us.

#### **Our Mission**

St Mary's is a small, caring Church of England Primary School. It is committed to supporting our pupils to be happy, successful and fulfilled throughout their lives. We believe that everyone is precious and loved by God. We aspire to be a high achieving school that provides an excellent education:

- promoting the high standards of teaching and learning
- being inclusive, celebrating diversity and valuing all religions, faiths, cultures and backgrounds
- providing a rich and stimulating curriculum that will inspire and challenge
- being a happy, healthy and safe school
- providing excellent care, guidance and support with a strong partnership between school, parents and the community.

We seek to promote six Christian values of wisdom, hope, peace, compassion, love and thankfulness, each linked by our school vision and bible verse. We believe these help to prepare our children to show the "St Mary' Way" and to live a successful and fulfilling life being:

- considerate and respectful with excellent manners
- confident, happy, independent and self-motivated
- co-operative and collaborative
- honest and trustworthy
- resilient, hardworking and determined
- highly principled with moral, spiritual, cultural and social awareness, including shared British Values.

## **1) Introduction**

- 1.1 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.

## **2) Voluntary contributions**

- 2.1 When organising school day 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 contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.
- 2.2 If the parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip 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 the 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, organised 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 or by a theatre company
  - School trips
  - Musical events
- 2.4 St. Mary's 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 in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who receive state benefits are encouraged to apply to the LDBS for funding.

## **4) Music Tuition**

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 If individual or small-group music tuition is provided, there may be a small charge, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons. We will give parents information about additional music tuition.

## **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.

## **6) Breakfast Club**

- 6.1 A variety of activities take place during Breakfast Club. We make a charge of £2.00 per child per day for the activity and the breakfast.

## **7) After School Clubs and Enrichment Club**

- 7.1 A variety of clubs and childcare take place after school. We make a charge of £5 for Enrichment clubs per session and £4 for Afterschool Clubs.
- 7.2 Parents may be charged for other clubs where costs have been incurred by the school. The cost of these clubs will always be made clear in advance.

## **8) Additional charges**

- 8.1 The school may make a charge where a service has been requested that involves a cost to the school e.g. additional photocopying.

## **9) Monitoring and Reviewing**

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

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