



St Anne's RC Primary

MISSION STATEMENT

'To live happily, love unconditionally and learn enthusiastically with Jesus by our side.'

Charging & Remissions Policy

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1 Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. 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

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school subsidises every trip by one third e.g. school funds will pay the first third of any costs incurred. Then we invite parents and carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to cancel a trip. If the class has a number of children who access FSM then we can use Pupil Premium funding to pay for part of the costs. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents or carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

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, as long as we have sufficient funds. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request – this includes transport costs, entrance fees and workshop fees per child.

The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents and carers. These activities are known as 'curriculum enhancing visits'. 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.

3 Residential visits

The school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, to Derwent Hill each year. We do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, and travel costs although parents and carers of pupils who receive free school meals are subsidised by school. Once again school pays one third of the total costs for every child. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these parental contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

4 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, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. School has purchased the majority of the instruments used by the pupils and these are on loan. We do ask that parents insure these instruments in-case of accidental damage at home. We make a charge for these lessons, but parents and carers of pupils in receipt of free school meals are exempt from payment. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in years 5 and 6. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, and currently we do not ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers to cover the cost of transport. School cover the hire of the pool and swimming coaches as well as funding the transport costs.

6 After School Activities

Sometimes the school offers additional football, gymnastics, dance, and other games coaching after school. Qualified coaches are bought in to lead these activities and they are not members of the school staff. These coaches run and organise these after school sessions. At present we do not charge parents for any after school activity.

7 Monitoring and review

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