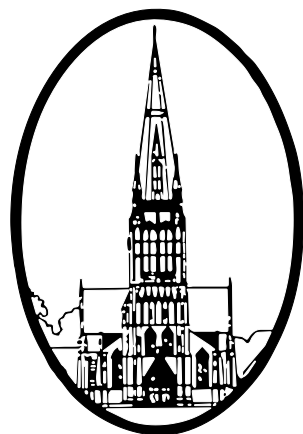


St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School

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Charging Policy

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St Mary’s is an inspiring and creative school which fosters a love of learning as well as developing skills for life. We strive to enhance every child’s moral, spiritual, intellectual, social and physical well-being and celebrate every child’s gifts.

As a faith school we hold **love** at the centre of all we do. This and the following values reflect the ethos of our school.

Respect – ourselves, each other and our environment

Courage – to stand up for what is right, overcome our fears and embrace new challenges

Truth – in the choices we make and our dealings with family, friends, school and community

Hope – that inspires us to look forward in confidence to a better life for all

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 all 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.

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 abroad;
- year 6 school journey;
- musical events.

Residential visits

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. We do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in year 4. 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 part.

Breakfast Club

The school offers a drop-in service for Breakfast club, parents can either pay in advance of their child attending the service or pay on the day. The cost to attend Breakfast club is £2.00 per day, per child.

After school clubs

The school offers additional clubs after school which may require a professional coach, or a member of the school staff to run and organise these sessions, for example, dance, drama, football, gymnastics. We make a small charge for these sessions to cover the cost of the coaches. The cost to attend the club is £3.00 per club, per day, per child. All afterschool clubs will need to be paid in advance for insurance reasons.

Unfortunately we are unable to refund you for payments where a session has been missed or where a decision has been made that your child will no longer be attending the club. In the event that the school cancels a club, a refund for the missed sessions will be paid.

Debts

The school has adopted a strict NO DEBT policy. Parent/Careers are to ensure that school meals and after school clubs are to be paid in advance. Breakfast club can be paid in advance or on the morning of attending the breakfast club.

Should the after school clubs or breakfast club not be paid for on time, your child will not attend the club, you will be informed and be asked to collect your child. A fine may be applicable in this instance.