

Holding Hands with Jesus as we love, learn and grow together

St Columba's Catholic Primary School

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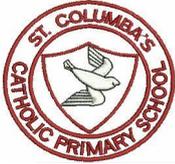
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ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Charging Policy

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Signed Governor

Signed Headteacher

1 Introduction

1.1 This document is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies in respect of charging for School Activities.

It is in accordance with Government legislation and emanates the School's Mission Statement. Furthermore, it accords with the School's Equal Opportunities Policy

1.2 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

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 is a list of additional activities organized 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 (inc swimming) which require transport expenses;**
- **outdoor adventure activities;**
- **visits to the theatre;**
- **school trips abroad;**
- **musical events.**

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do make a charge. However, parents will be given eight months notice and will be provided with the facility to make weekly contributions towards the costs.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum which is paid via a school SLA. We do not charge for this. For those children who take part in music tuition outside of the normal school curriculum there may be a nominal charge.

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 inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Sporting Activities

6.1 The school offers additional football/rugby/coaching after school. These clubs are run by members of the school staff who run and organise these sessions. There is no charge for these sessions.

7 Club Activities

7.1 Extra-curricular clubs and societies operate at various periods during the academic year. There is no charge for these activities.

7.2 Other Agencies may provide additional after school clubs i.e. fencing, mad science where there is a small charge – these clubs may run for up to five weeks.

8 Breakfast Club / After School Club

8.1 The school operates a Breakfast Club and is run by members of the school staff. Children are provided with a healthy breakfast and healthy snack (hot or cold). There is no charge for the club.

9 External Service Charges

9.1 At present the school does not offer facilities to outside agencies.

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