

# Charging Policy & Remissions

## St Aidan's Church of England Primary School

### Spring 2024



#### 1. Introduction

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

#### 2. Charging for trips or visits

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school asks parents to make a payment to contribute towards the cost of the trip. All trips and visits are subsidised by at least 50% of the total cost of the trip/visit. If we do not receive sufficient payments, we may cancel the trip.

If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not made the payment requested by school. 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 payment, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The child is given a detailed letter that includes all relevant information regarding each visit.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require payment, towards the cost, 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 the theatre
- School trips abroad
- Musical events

#### 3. Residential visits

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 not make any charge for the educational expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of travel, board and lodging.

#### **4. Music Tuition**

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There are opportunities to learn violin, guitar, piano and drum for Years 2 – 6, as an “optional extra”. There is a subsidised weekly charge to parents if they want to take advantage of this opportunity.

#### **5. Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for Year 5 children in Key Stage 2. These take part in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We 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 in swimming lessons.

#### **6. After School Clubs**

The school offers after school clubs throughout the week. Parents are asked for a nominal payment towards the cost of running the club.

<b>Agreed By:</b>	Resources Committee
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