

St. John Bosco Catholic Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

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,

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. We allow the children to participate fully in the visit or activity.
- 2.2 Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. This can be funded from School Fund or a request for a Visit Subsidy may be submitted to the Parents and Friends Association for consideration. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. This information is available on request.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, we make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, travel expenses and any specialist educational tuition. The cost of the visit is clearly set out for parents, providing adequate notice in order for parents to pay in instalments, if they wish. Letters to parents clearly state that personal circumstances will be treated sympathetically and confidentially by the Head Teacher. Pupils that receive the **Pupil Premium Grant** (£1320) will have a significant percentage of the trip or the entire cost taken from the grant, this is set out in the Pupil Premium Spending Plan for each year.

No child will be excluded or withdrawn from any activity within the curriculum due to lack of finance.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum.

We make no charge for this activity. We ask parents for a small voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport.

6 After School Clubs

- 6.1** The school offers a range of after school clubs which is offered by staff and external qualified coaches . A. There is a small charge for these sessions to help fund costs. The children who attend meet this cost. Attendance is voluntary.

7 School Fund

- 7.1** We have a voluntary school fund to which contributions are requested annually from parents. This fund is used to support and enhance the curriculum by subsidising activities in school, visits and to provide extras for children which cannot be planned for. Parents contribute what they wish and it is not compulsory or monitored.
- 7.2** A Nursery Contribution of 50p per week is requested from parents and is used to provide drinks for the children, disposable resources (for example ingredients for cooking) and to subsidise nursery visits. We are extremely grateful for donations to the school and nursery fund.

8 Milk

- 8.1** Milk is provided free of charge for children under the age of five years. Whilst in Key Stage 1 and 2 children have the opportunity to purchase milk daily if required from the school canteen. Information regarding the cost of milk is published in the school Newsletter and is in line with LEA costs.

9 School Dinners

- 9.1** School meals are charged at the same rate as set by the external meal provider for Sandwell Fresh . Children under the age of 7 (reception to year 2) are all provided with a Free school meal as part of the Government policy of providing free meals to all children from the ages of 4 – 7.

Parents may apply to Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council for consideration for free school meals and those eligible are treated with respect and confidentiality.

10.0 School Hall

The school does not allow independent organisations to hire any rooms or facilities throughout the school year .

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