

# ***St. Joseph's R.C. Primary School***

## **Charging for School Activities Policy**



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### Mission Statement

Our mission statement is the focus for promoting spirituality and creating our ethos in the school and this is at the heart of our teaching and learning; curriculum, policies and practices.

At St. Joseph's School,  
we aim to grow and learn together  
within a loving and caring environment  
which reflects the Gospel values.  
We encourage all our children to reach  
their full potential in  
all aspects of their education.

To ensure all children are given equal opportunities to fulfil their potential and succeed, we have implemented detailed and comprehensive school policies and procedures.

### Charging Policy Statement

*As a result of the Education Reform Act 1988, the school is obliged to indicate to parents that it cannot charge for activities that take place during school time (excluding board and lodging for school journeys). However, parents can be requested to make a voluntary contribution. It may be necessary to tell parents that the activity can only proceed if parents do make a contribution, bearing in mind that the school operates within budget constraints.*

*The school reserves the right to charge for damage to books, equipment and buildings where a pupil has acted wilfully.*

At St. Joseph's School, no charge is made for education provided in school hours. This includes materials, equipment and transport provided by the school to carry pupils to a visit or activity.

'School Hours' are those when the school is in session. The day does not include break times and lunch break. Information regarding school hours is available in the School Prospectus.

### Voluntary Contributions

Parents are invited to make voluntary contributions to support the schools funding. Contributions are invited particularly for activities which enrich the curriculum and for curriculum visits which take place off school site to supplement the increasing costs of transport and admission fees.

Curriculum visits may be curtailed or cancelled if significant numbers of parents are unable to make contributions to support the visits. This is to be explained to parents during visit planning and organisation.

The school will ensure that parents are clear that all said contributions are voluntary. Children of parents who do not contribute will not be excluded from the visit or activity.

### Education outside school hours

Parents may be charged for activities which take place outside school hours when the activities are not a necessary part of the National Curriculum.

Should a charge be made for each pupil it should not exceed the actual cost of the activity. The charge may include an allowance for the cost of staff teaching an activity.

### Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum.

There will be a charge for individual or group music tuition when it is not part of the National Curriculum.

### Residential Activities

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly in school time, which is directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel.

However, charges may be made for board and lodging when residential activities take place in school time.

### Breakfast club/ After School Club

School clubs that run outside the school day are charged as necessary. See 'After School Club' Policy and 'Food Policy'