

St. Bartholomew's
Church of England
Primary School



Policy for
Charging and
Remissions

Date: October 2022

1. RATIONALE

All education during school hours is free. St. Bartholomew's C of E Primary School do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of individual or small-group music tuition.

2. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The 1988 Education Act draws a distinction between the term `charges` which are considered to be an obligatory cost and `voluntary contributions` which are self-explanatory.

When organising school visits to enrich our curriculum, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If insufficient voluntary contributions are received, the visit may become unviable and have to be cancelled. If a visit goes ahead as planned, it may include children whose parents have not made a financial contribution but these children will not be penalise din any way

Subsidies from various sources e.g. Pupil Premium, School Fund and the PTA will be considered to cover deficits. Surplus finance will be used via the School Fund for the benefit of the children.

For larger amounts, whenever possible, the school will give sufficient notice to allow parents and carers to pay by instalments.

All parents and carers may enquire as to how the visit is funded. The school will provide this information on request but only in general terms, not for specific children of families.

The following list of activities for which a voluntary contribution may be asked is not exhaustive but given as an example:

- visits to museums
- sporting activities
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to or by a theatre company
- school trips
- musical events
- transport

3. RESIDENTIAL VISITS

If the school organises a residential visit during or mainly in school time, a reasonable charge will be made. However, parents of children who receive free school meals are offered the option to make a reduced payment.

4. MUSIC TUITION

All children study music as part of the school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, as this is an additional curriculum activity and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons to cover the costs to the school. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5. SWIMMING

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 3. As these take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum, the school does not charge for this activity although we ask for funds to cover transport costs. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part.

6. EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The school offers a variety of additional activities at lunchtimes and before or after school. We reserve the right to make a small charge for these sessions.

7. PREMISES

The main school building is not hired out for community use. Our shared Community Pavilion with sports fields are available for community use at a reasonable private hiring fee which covers the cost of maintenance and staffing.