

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

INTRODUCTION

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

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

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.

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 which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

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 education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging.

As policy, school will always attempt to subsidise or fully pay fees for residential visits and will make parents aware of any costs as soon as possible.

Calculating Charges

When charges are made for any activity, they will usually be subsidised by the school and will always be less than the total costs divided by the number of children taking part. There are no levies on those who pay to support those who don't pay. Any additional costs will be met by the school

MUSIC TUITION

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. All children across KS2 are taught to play a musical instrument by a specialist music teacher. We do not charge for this.

SWIMMING

The school organises swimming lessons for all children from Y2 to Y6. These take place 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.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The school offers a number of additional after school clubs. We use qualified sports coaches, who are not a member of the school staff to run and organise some of these sessions and support is provided by our school staff. We charge £2 for these sessions to cover costs and resources. We will subsidise these sessions for those children who are unable to pay.

Queries or comments about this policy can be made to the Headteacher or members of the Finance Committee via the school address.

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