



Saint Mary's RC Primary School Sabden Charging 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 with the exception of individual music tuition.

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 have to 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'curriculum enrichment'. This list is not exhaustive:
- visits to museums;
 - sporting activities which require transport expenses;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
 - visits to the theatre;
 - bringing speakers or events into school;
 - musical events.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 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 make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium Funding are not asked to make a full payment. No pupil is excluded from this opportunity due to financial background and school will work with any family in order to ensure that all pupils who want to attend the residential can do so.

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4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 There is a charge for individual music tuition if this is extra to the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic term.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all pupils during a three week period. 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.

6 After School Clubs

- 6.1 The school offers additional clubs after school. We offer a varied range of clubs and try to engage all pupils.
- 6.2 Sports Premium Funding is used to fund Sports Club and so there is no cost to parents. If a member of school staff runs a club then again there is no cost. If we choose to run a club offered by an outside agency there may be a cost to parents. School will always try to subsidise the cost making the club as affordable as possible for all families.

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