



CHARGING POLICY

Autumn 2024

INTRODUCTION	The Governing Body of Christ the King Catholic Primary School endorses the policy of the Wirral Local Authority with respect to charging for School activities. This policy back the principles that education in maintained schools should be free and that no pupil's education should be affected by his or her parents'/carer's unwillingness or inability to pay or contribute towards the cost of the pupil's education.
PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL	<p>Parents will be asked to pay in cash or kind for materials, which are being used in practical activities if they indicate a wish to own the finished product. Parents will be asked before the activity is undertaken whether they so wish.</p> <p>Parents maybe asked for payment towards the cost of repairing or replacing any part of the fabric of the School or item of School property, which has been damaged or lost as a result of their child's behaviour.</p>
EDUCATIONAL VISITS	<p>School trips and visits form an important part of the curriculum offered by our School. Parents are not required to pay for such visits, but may be asked to make voluntary contributions towards their cost. No pupil will be excluded from a School trip because of his or her parent's unwillingness or inability to contribute, but it is hoped that parents will feel able to support the School in its efforts to provide a full and interesting curriculum for all its pupils. If the contributions made are not sufficient to enable a planned trip to take place, the Headteacher may cancel the trip or make such changes to the organisation of the trip as they think necessary.</p> <p>All trips and visits will be organised under the direction of the Headteacher and in accordance with the guidelines issued by Wirral LA (Circular 1/86). Teachers organising such trips will be responsible to the Headteacher at all times.</p> <p>Parents are asked to meet the board, lodging and transport costs of residential trips unless they are in receipt of income support.</p>
CURRICULUM	Pupils should not have to pay for any materials, books instruments or other equipment which they use in connection with education provided during school hours. However, we may charge for, or ask for ingredients or materials for, practical subjects where parents have said they want town the finished product.
RESIDENTAILS	<p>The school will charge for board and lodging at residential centres. Remission on these charges will be available if the parents/carers are in receipt of the following benefits when the visit takes place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Support • Working Tax Credit • Disability Working Allowance • Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance <p>Parents should contact the Headteacher in the first instance. There is no requirement to complete any forms and the cost will be met by the school from the school budget, school funds or Pupil Premium as determined by the Finance Committee. If the school does not have sufficient funds to meet these costs the Headteacher may cancel the trip.</p>
NONE	Parents maybe charged for activities defined as "optional extras" activities which are provided mainly but not always out of School hours and are not part of the

CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES	School curriculum. If parents would like their children to take part in such activities but are unable to meet the full cost, financial assistance may be available, if they are on income support. The Headteacher is happy to talk to parents in confidence about this possibility.
EXAMINATIONS	<p>No charge shall be made for entry fees for prescribed public examinations for which registered pupils have been prepared at School. However, charges will be made in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for examinations for which the pupil has not been prepared at School. • for examinations which are not prescribed. • where the preparation provided by the School enables a pupil to enter for two or more examinations, the parents shall be charged for the cost of sitting the second and subsequent examination. <p>Details in examination fees are outlined in the Local Authority's policy statement. (https://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/childrens-services/education-and-learning/extra-curricular)</p>
SWIMMING LESSONS	The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore 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.
MUSIC LESSONS	<p>All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.</p> <p>There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. Peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We do make a charge for these lessons, but parents in receipt of income support will need to speak to the Headteacher. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.</p>

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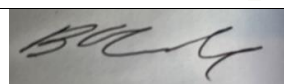
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Signed by:



Headteacher

Date: 14/11/2024



Chair of governors

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