

St Jude's C of E Infant School

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Charging and Remissions Policy

Reviewed in Summer 2023 Ratified by Governors in Summer 2023 To be Reviewed Summer 2024

Parents will be notified about the policy through the following means: Parent induction, Parent Teacher consultations, the school website and newsletter.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Introduction

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that there is clarity over those items which the school will provide free of charge and for those items where there may be a charge. The policy has been informed by the DFE guidance.

Policy Statement

During the school day all activities that are a necessary part of the National Curriculum or religious education will be provided free of charge.

Voluntary contributions will be sought for extracurricular activities during the school day which entail additional costs, for example visitors to school, visits outside of school and swimming.

No pupil will be prevented from participating because his/her parents or guardian cannot or will not make a contribution. If insufficient funds are available, it may be necessary to curtail or cancel activities.

Fee paying nursery places

Nursery rates will be reviewed each summer for the following academic year.

For admission requirements see policies: C10a Acorns admissions and C10b Squirrels admissions.

The rates for the academic year 23/24 are:

Squirrels: 2-year olds = £7.00 / hour (from 2nd birthday until the end of the term of 3rd birthday).

Squirrels and Acorns: 3-year olds = £6.00 /hour (from term after 3^{rd} birthday). All hours beyond the funded hours per week are chargeable.

The rates will be reviewed each summer for the following academic year.

Optional activities outside of the school day

The school will charge for optional, extra activities provided outside of the school day including clubs. Such activities are not part of the National Curriculum or religious education nor are they part of an examination syllabus.



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Breakfast club

The rate for the academic year 23/24 is £4.95 per child per session with a discount where 2 or more siblings attend on the same day of 50p per session per child. The rates will be reviewed each summer for the following academic year.

School run after school clubs

Where a chargeable after-school club is run by support staff (with payments being made directly to the school) charges will be in line with the current externally run club rates.

Charging in Kind

The school may charge for, or require the supply of, ingredients and materials if parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product, if there is one. Written confirmation will be sought from parents indicating they wish to supply or pay for materials. Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not the materials are being provided by their parents. The school recognises that much of the practical work in craft or food technology is of an investigative nature and will not necessarily result in a 'finished product', however it is an essential part of the learning process.

Calculating charges

When charges are made for any activity, whether during or outside of the school day, they will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of pupils participating. There will be no levy on those who can pay to support those who are unable to pay. Support for cases of hardship will come through voluntary contributions, fundraising and use of the pupil premium fund as appropriate.

Support is given to those whose children are classed as Pupil Premium and at the head teacher's discretion. The principles of best value will be applied when planning activities that incur costs to the school and/or charges to parents.

Music Tuition

The fees for music tuition are paid direct to the company providing tuition, not the school.