



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bingley

Our Vision

'Learning with Jesus, to be the best we can be'



Charging Policy

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Residential Trips

Where a school activity involves pupils in at least one night away from home the Board of Governors will make a charge for board and lodging including any other sums to cover refreshments on the journey. Other costs including travel will be charged to the parent (if a chargeable activity) or be the subject of a voluntary contribution from the parent (if a non-chargeable activity), for example, it takes place during the school day.

Day Trips / Non-Residential Trips

Non-residential trips will be deemed to take place during school hours if 50% or more of the period spent on the activity occurs during school hours. In these cases it will be necessary to ask for voluntary contributions to ensure that the activity takes place. If substantial parental contributions are not forthcoming for any proposed trip, then the Board of Governors will look at the viability of the activity taking place.

Visiting Groups

In relation to other planned activities during the school day, for example music ensemble, drama group, magician and so on, the Board of Governors will invite parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing such activities. In respect of voluntary contributions, Board of Governors will take account of the following factors:

- The need for long term planning
- The right for parents to withdraw their voluntary contributions before the booking has been made
- The availability of other sources of funding to subsidise the activity for example PTA funds.

Breakages and Fines

The school may ask parents to pay for damage to school property or equipment where this is a result of a pupil's behaviour.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to amend the above policy in the light of any changing circumstances during the year.



Activities outside school hours

The full cost of activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours:

Occasional PTA discos/events for children and parents at the school

Other performing arts events organised outside school hours by the school or PTA School productions, plays, concerts, etc. for parents outside school hours

After school sports and art clubs.

Pupil Premium

Some activities may be able to be funded through Pupil Premium funding for those children that receive this funding. This is subject to the discretion of the headteacher and will be discussed with parents.

Music Tuition

Where children receive tuition from peripatetic staff, either individually or in a group activity, there is a direct contract between the providing organisation and the parent.

VCS

Parents of children attending Catholic schools are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the maintenance of the school building. There is no compulsion for anyone to contribute, however, without funds our schools will fall into disrepair. Each family is asked to contribute whatever they can afford – the suggested amount being £6.00 per term per child. No family would be expected to contribute more than £36.00 per year. In the past some families have made extremely generous donations to the school VCS. If you are a taxpayer and you complete a Gift Aid form we can reclaim tax on your gift.

We cannot stress enough the importance of the VCS. It is because of parents' generosity under the scheme that we continue to be so successful with our applications for funding, e.g. the school extension, platform playground. Parents will be contacted shortly after the start of the school year with information about the scheme.

Other documentation/ Appendices:

Please also refer to:

Pupil Premium Policy