

## St Paul's With St. Michael's CE Primary School

### Charging Policy

#### **Introduction**

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 or group music tuition.

#### **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 but maybe dependent on the trip going ahead. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents were not able to pay 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 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.

The following is a list of additional activities organised 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;
- musical events.

If an activity is being provided as an "optional extra", the school has the right to charge but parents will be informed in a timely manner.

#### **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 ask for a voluntary contribution towards the educational costs and travelling expenses. We do, however, make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. The total cost is heavily subsidised by the school.

#### **Music tuition**

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons.

#### **Swimming**

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 make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

#### **Booster Lessons**

The school offers additional academic sessions targeted at specific children after school. This activity is free.

#### **Extended School Club**

This club runs from Monday to Friday 3.20 to 5.45pm. The school charges £7 per day each child and half price for any siblings.

Breakfast club runs from Mondays to Fridays 8.00 to 9.00am. The school charges £1 a day.

#### **Extracurricular Clubs**

The school offers an extracurricular menu after school, giving children the opportunity to learn new skills or embed old ones. These clubs are allocated on a first come first serve basis and are charged for.