

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## CHARGING POLICY - SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Governing Body of Holy Cross Catholic Primary School has adopted the following policy in connection with the matter of charging for school activities.

1. The Governing Body endorses the policy of the Wirral Local Authority (LA) with respect to charging for school activities. This policy backs 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.
2. 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, the school may charge for, or ask for ingredients or materials for, practical subjects where parents have said that they want to own the finished product.
3. The school will not charge for staff or material costs at residential centres, or for travel to and from outdoor centres if the visit takes place during school hours, However, we may charge for travel if the visit is an optional extra.
4. The school will charge for board and lodging at residential centres. Remission may be available for pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

If the school does not have sufficient funds to meet these costs the Head Teacher may cancel the trip.

5. 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 the cost. No pupil will be excluded from a school trip because of their parents' unwillingness or inability to contribute, however, 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. Initial non-payment will be followed up. If the contributions made are not sufficient to enable a planned trip to take place, the Head Teacher may cancel the trip or make such changes to the organisation of the trip as he/she thinks necessary.
6. For activities defined as "optional extras" under the Education Act 1996, the school will charge for board and lodging, travel, materials, books or other equipment, entrance fees, teaching and non-teaching staff and any other costs for providing the activity. 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; the Headteacher is happy to talk to parents in confidence about that possibility.

7. Parents may be asked for payment towards the cost of repairing or replacing any part of the fabric of the school or any item of school property which has been damaged or lost as a result of their child's behaviour.
8. Music tuition is available to pupils. There is a charge for the service provided by Wirral Schools Music Service. This cost is borne by the School and is not passed onto pupils.
9. School milk is provided by Coolmilk. Milk is provided free to pupils under the age of 5 and pupils who receive a free school meal.
10. Charges, for example dinner money, will be agreed annually by the Governing Body.
11. School meals may be given free of charge to staff and / or visitors at the discretion of the Headteacher.
12. All Foundation (F1) pupils are entitled to 15 hours of free education funded by the Government from the term after their third birthday. Some F1 pupils, where parents are working and meet the eligibility criteria, may be entitled to 30 hours of free education, where the school has the capacity to offer this. In addition, parents may be offered the option of purchasing additional sessions beyond 15 hours, where school has the capacity.
13. This Policy is reviewed annually by the Governing Body each Summer Term.

**Approval at full Governing Body meeting dated: 07/07/20**

**Signed (Chair of Governors) .....**

## **Charging Schedule 2020/21**

### **School Meals**

Pupils	£2.30*
Staff & Visitors	£2.76

\*Free to those eligible for Free School Meals

### **Milk**

£0.22 per day paid direct to the milk provider Coolmilk \*\*

\*\* free for under 5's and those eligible for Free School Meals

### **Breakfast Club**

£0.30 per day \*\*\*

\*\*\* this charge may be waived at the Headteacher's discretion

### **Foundation 1 Extended Hours**

£15.00 per session \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* free to those who qualify for 30 hours extended childcare

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