

St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School

CHARGING POLICY



'Love one another as Jesus loves us.'

Together with the love of Jesus and our Gospel values, we will embrace each child's uniqueness and create a journey of love and enjoyment where we support our families and children in being the best they can be!

We, the Governing Body of St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School have considered and reviewed the attached policy; agree to accept all the statements, principles and procedures as listed in the document.

Signed Chair of Governors _____ Rev. P Regan _____

Date _____ September 2023 _____

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In accordance with the Wirral Education Authority's policy, the Governing Body of St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School endorses the principles that education provided in maintained schools should be free and that no pupil's education should be affected by a parent's unwillingness or inability to pay or to contribute towards the cost of the pupil's education.

Pupils are not required to pay for any materials, books, instruments or other equipment for use in connection with education provided during school hours. However, the school may charge for or require the supply of, ingredients or materials, for practical subjects when parents have said they wish to own the finished product.

In respect of activities defined as "optional extras" under the terms of the Education Act (1996), charges will be made by the governors to cover the cost of board and lodging, travel, materials, books or other equipment, entrance fees, teaching and non-teaching staff and any other cost attributable to the provision of the activity.

The amount of charge permitted by the Education Act (1996) and the decision whether to refund any such charge for optional extras or for board and lodging is determined by the Governing Body.

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. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the trip or the visitor. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. No child will be barred from the visit if a voluntary contribution is not received. The shortfall will be made up from School Fund.

In line with the Annual Budget Setting the Governing Body have agreed that the following charges will apply for 2023-2024

School Meals for pupils

Due to the implementation of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) in September 2014 – Children 7 years old or under are no longer required to pay for a school meal.

Meals for KS2 children are charged at £2.68 per meal.

School Meals for staff & visitors

Are charged £3.22 per meal

School Milk

School milk for pupils is now delivered by an Independent Provider – Cool Milk. Parents pay them directly. No money is collected in school.

There is no charge for milk to children Foundation Stage 2 to Year 6 if they are on the Pupil Premium Register. However, parents will still need to register their child with Cool Milk.

Letting of School Premises – Not Applicable Letting of School Facilities - Not Applicable

Trips - Voluntary contributions are asked from parents, which vary per trip. Trips are subsidised by the School Fund Account, as required.

Residential Visits - For residential visits, a charge is made to parents by the Governing Body for the cost of board and lodging for each pupil. A voluntary contribution is asked for to cover the remaining cost e.g. instruction. Trips are subsidised by the School Fund Account, as required.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Many extra-curricular activities are provided free of charge by staff members and some are subsidised by the school using the PE funding. There will, however be some activities for which there is a small charge for the duration of the course e.g. Cookery, Judo, Fencing.

Toast Club – Toast Club is available Monday to Friday between 8:15am and 8:45am. The charge is £1.60 per pupil.

After School Club – After School Club must be booked in advance at a charge of £6.50 per pupil. Operates between 3:30pm and 5:30pm.

Music - All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

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, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons

Uniform Charges - Uniform is available to purchase from the school reception, whilst stocks last.
Sweatshirts: £10.50, Cardigans: £12.50, Book Bag: £8.50, PE Kit: £9.00, (Shorts: £4.50 & T Shirt £4.50)
PE Bag: £3.50, PE Joggers: £8.50, PE Zipped Hooded Top: £16 PE Hooded Top: £14

This policy was ratified by Governors in September 2023 and will be reviewed annually.