

# **St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School**



## **CHARGING POLICY**

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## CHARGING POLICY

In accordance with the Wirral Education Authority's policy updated May 2007, 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.

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

**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.

**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

**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.

This policy was ratified by Governors in September 2017 and will be reviewed annually.