



St John's Stonefold CE Primary School, Rising Bridge

Whole School Policy for Charging and Remissions	
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Values:

Empathy Aspiration Generosity Love Endurance

Mission:

Rooted and Established in God's Love: Nurture, Grow, Fly (Ephesians 3:17)

Vision:

Our vision is to live and grow together as a loving church school family, who celebrate one another's individuality. Built upon our shared Christian values,

St John's provides our children with excellent teaching of a bespoke and innovative curriculum, empowering them to flourish with the knowledge and skills for life.

From our vision, we inspire our children to have uncompromising aspirations and to thrive and succeed.

INTRODUCTION

The Governors of St John's recognise the valuable experience that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, theatre visits and residential holidays make towards a pupils' personal and social education.

The Governors aim to promote and provide such events, as an integral part of a broad and well balanced curriculum and as additional optional activities.

Charges

The Governors may reserve the right to make a charge for activities organised by the school in the following circumstances:-

Activities outside school hours

Parents may be expected to pay for the full cost of an activity, as an optional extra, which takes place outside of school hours – for example Residential Holidays, Theatre visits, Sightseeing trips.

Activities during school time

A voluntary contribution may be requested from parents to pay for trips, Theatre groups etc. Only the actual cost of the trip for their child may be passed on to parents. If any parents are unable to contribute and there are insufficient funds to make the activity viable, then the trip may be cancelled.

All requests made to parents for trips will make it clear that the contributions are voluntary and there is no obligation to make any contribution.

Use of School Premises

1- No Charge

- School groups e.g Governor meetings and school discos;
- Friends of Stonefold School meetings or events;

2- Chargeable Activities

- Youth Groups, eg Brownies or Guides;
- Parish Groups, Fayres, social events;
- Breakfast and Afterschool club groups

These are chargeable at £13.00 per hour (as per lettings policy)

Optional Extras

Charges may be made for some activities which are provided outside of school time that is not:

- Part of the national curriculum;
- Part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school;
- Part of religious education.
- Examination entry fee(s) if the registered pupil has not been prepared for the examination(s) at the school;
- Transport (other than transport that is required to take the pupil to school or to other premises where the local authority/governing body have arranged for the pupil to be provided with education);

- Board and lodging for a pupil on a residential visit
- Extended day services offered to pupils (e.g. breakfast and after-school clubs, and supervised homework sessions where this is run under the responsibility of the governing body).

Remissions Policy

There will be no charge for board and lodgings for pupils whose parents are receiving specified benefits. This is subject to change but usually equates to pupils being eligible for free school meals (due to the receipt of specified benefits and not through the introduction of universal infant FSM). Current eligible benefits can be found on the DfE website.

Charges for other 'chargeable activities' may also be fully or partly remitted. Where appropriate, Governors may approve the use of the delegated budget and other funding streams such as Pupil Premium to allow 'chargeable activities' to be fully or partly remitted. Details of any remission arrangements will be made clear when parents are informed of charges for individual activities.

Music Tuition

Although the law states that, in general, all education provided during school hours must be free, instrumental and vocal music tuition is an exception to that rule. The Charges for Music Tuition (England) Regulations 2007 set out the circumstances in which charges can be made for tuition in playing a musical instrument, including vocal tuition. Charges may now be made for vocal or instrumental tuition provided either individually, or to groups of any size, provided that the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent. Charges may not exceed the cost of the provision (including the cost of the staff who provide the tuition).

They also make clear that no charge may be made in respect of a pupil who is looked after by a local authority (within the meaning of section 22(l) of the Children Act 1989)

This charging and remissions policy complies with statutory requirements, has regard to the Authority's policy statements on charging and is reviewed on an annual basis.