

# St George's C E Primary School

## Charging and Remissions 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 for activities as part of the Curriculum**

When organising school trips, visits or workshop activities which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the activity.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, the child is still allowed to participate fully in the trip or activity as long as parental consent has been given. If appropriate and funds allow, the school may pay a proportion of the costs in order to support a visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded.

### **Music Tuition**

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Extra-curricular clubs such as choir are also without charge. There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. This charge is paid directly to the Telford and Wrekin Music Service which provides music teachers to teach individuals or small group lessons on the school site.

### **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for children in years 3 to 6. Lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. These lessons are provided by the Local Authority, however the school has to pay for the coach travel. No charge is made and we inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

### **Optional Extra Activities**

It is the governors' policy to charge for such activities organised by the school for 'fun activities'. The following are examples of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to the theatre
- musical events

### **After-School Activities/Clubs**

After school clubs run by school staff are free of charge. If an outside company runs the club, there may be a charge to participate.

### **Residential Visits**

The school organises an annual residential visit for Year 6 children to Arthog Outdoor Activities Centre. The cost of this trip includes board & lodging, transport and for any activities to be experienced.

Parents will be given the option of a payment plan to spread the costs of the residential visit. Children, for whom the school receives Pupil Premium Funding, will pay a reduced cost. As this is extra to the curriculum, all costs must be met by parents, although the school will support parents in financial difficulties. Please apply in writing and decisions will be made by the Headteacher and Chair of Governors.

### **Charging in Kind**

The cost of ingredients, materials, equipment etc. needed for practical subjects such as food technology or DT is budgeted for and borne by the school. However, the school may charge for or require the supply of ingredients and materials if the product is to be owned and taken home by the child afterwards e.g. food products, models. The school will inform parents prior to activities, giving them the choice to pay for materials.

### **Breakages & Fines**

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item such as:

- broken windows
- defaced, damaged or lost text books
- any item damaged as a result of unsatisfactory pupil behaviour.

### **Special Needs**

The governing body confirms that no pupil with special needs or disabilities will be treated any differently than any other pupil.

Reviewed by Kath Watts Deputy Headteacher and Rachel Smith SBM 23/09/2024