Holy Trinity & St John's

CHARGING POLICY 2026 – 2027

Introduction

All education during school hours is free, however we may make a small voluntary charge for any activity or experience undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, including swimming, school trips and special school visitors. Extra individual and group music tuition is a parental choice, so a fee is payable for this additional teaching.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school activities, trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary, however, if the school does not receive sufficient contributions, we may have to cancel the activity. If a trip or activity goes ahead, it may include children whose parents and carers have not paid anything.

If a parent/carer wishes their child to take part in an event, but is unable or unwilling to make a voluntary contribution, we still allow the child to participate. We may ask for an alternative contribution they can afford. Sometimes the school receives extra contributions from local organisations, can access a welfare fund or the PTA pays additional costs in order to support the visit or activity. Parents and carers have a right to know how each trip and activity is funded. The school provides this information on request.

All decisions made regarding the planning and organisation as well as the subsidising of school trips, visitors and activities stems from our school Christian vision and our school values.

Courage
We follow Jesus' example, being brave, having a voice and believing in ourselves.

Compassion
We welcome everyone into our school family, treating everyone as an individual.

Community
We walk alongside you to empower you to fulfil your potential and make a positive difference to the world.

We want all children in Holy Trinity & St John's CE Primary School, no matter their circumstances, to be able to have the same wonderful experiences and opportunities.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents and carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'.

This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums, the theatre, parks and other public places
- Sporting activities
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Residential visits
- Musical events
- Visits by artists, dancers, musicians etc.

Music Tuition

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

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition when music teachers provide individual or small group lessons. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition every academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children during their time in the upper school. These take place during school time and it is part of the National Curriculum. Due to the cost of transport and pool hire we ask parents and carers to make a contribution towards this activity. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents and carers for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

Clubs

Those clubs run by our school staff are free although a charge may be occasionally made to assist with the purchasing of equipment and materials or to pay for Sports Coaches. Parents/carers are informed of all club costs at the start of Terms 1, 3 and 5,

Books/Resources

We request payment in the case of lost or damaged property. Currently we charge £5.00 to cover the cost of a lost or damaged text-book and £5.00 or a donation of a new book for any lost library books.

Headteacher and SBM – September 2026
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