



ST CUTHBERT'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charging Policy

2016 - 2018

Name of School:	St Cuthbert's CE Primary School
Member of staff responsible:	Finance Committee
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1. GENERAL

The law regarding charges for education and related matters is contained in the Education Reform Act 1996, Sections 449 to 462. The Charging Policy for St Cuthbert's CE Primary School complies with the regulations contained within the Act insofar as they affect the School.

2. EDUCATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS

The School may ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of:

- any after school activity
- any activity that takes place during school hours
- school equipment
- school funds generally.

Any parent/carer of pupils who are unable or unwilling to contribute are not discriminated against. However, if after requesting a voluntary contribution, there is not enough money to cover the costs, then the visit may be cancelled and monies would be refunded.

A charge may be made for music lessons outside the National Curriculum, in which case parental consent will be sought before the tuition begins.

Swimming lessons are part of the curriculum for Key Stage 2. Currently swimming is attended by Year groups 3 and 4.

The cost of swimming is funded by voluntary contributions made by parents. No child will be excluded from swimming because the parent will not, or cannot, contribute towards the cost of that activity.

3. RESIDENTIAL VISITS

The School is permitted to charge for the cost of board and lodging during residential school trips. This cost must not exceed the actual cost of the provision.

Where the trip takes place wholly or mainly during school hours, children whose parents are in receipt of the following support payments will, in addition to having a free school lunch entitlement, also be entitled to the remission of these charges:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and their annual income does not exceed £16,040.
- Guaranteed State Pension Credit.

A similar entitlement applies where the trip takes place outside school hours, but is necessary as part of the National Curriculum, or the syllabus for Religious Education.

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