

Longridge St Wilfrid's RC Primary School
Charging & Remissions Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1 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 optional individual or group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 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 a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

Any children who are Looked After or have an entitlement to free school meals will not be charged for any trips including the costs of UK and overseas residential visits or for any visitors to school who impose a charge for their services. School will utilise its pupil premium payments to pay these costs for these children and other children most in need. Other parents who receive state benefits or parents who are in financial difficulties and who come to the Headteacher in confidence may be given a discounted charge.

- 2.2 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, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- ✓ visits to museums
- ✓ sporting activities which require transport expenses
- ✓ outdoor adventure activities
- ✓ visits to the theatre
- ✓ school trips in the UK and abroad
- ✓ guest 'visitors/events' held in school eg Coram Life Education/Adrian Bowden Science workshop/Theatre groups in school hall, etc
- ✓ musical events

- 2.4 St Wilfrid's PTFA subsidises one school trip or event annually for each child at a cost of £10.00 per child. This £10.00 discount is applied to the overall cost of the trip/event.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do make a charge for the education and/or travel expenses. The governors have agreed that any costs for trips/visitors are free for benefits entitled Free School Meal children.

4 Music tuition

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

4.2 If there is a charge for individual or group music tuition, if this is not part of the National Curriculum, by peripatetic music teachers to teach individual or small group lessons this charge is passed on directly to parents. We will give parents information about such additional tuition at the start of each academic year. School will not make money itself from any extra tuition.

5 Swimming

5.1 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 permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Extra-curricular and Sports Clubs

6.1 The school offers a number of extra-curricular clubs after school. There is no charge made when a member of staff takes these sessions but there may be when they are run by external agencies. All clubs are optional, but regular attendance and good behaviour are expected.