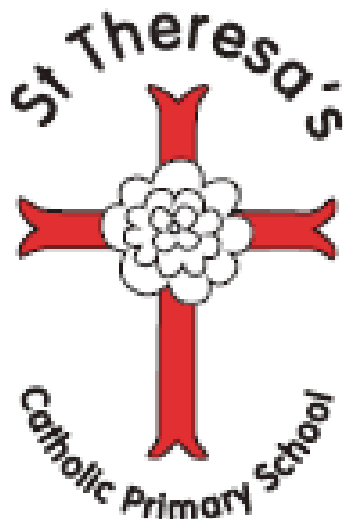


St. Theresa's Catholic Primary School, Blacon

Mission Statement:

Fully valuing everyone in the love of Jesus.

Caring and Learning together.



Charging and Remission Policy

Policy date: November 2023

Review date: November 2025

Overview

The education we provide wholly or mainly during school hours will be free, but on some occasions 'a voluntary' contribution towards the cost of an activity may be requested by the school. Parents are free to decide whether or not to contribute, however, some activities will not be able to go ahead if not enough pupils contribute towards the cost of the event.

This policy sets out the principles upon which the school will operate charges and remissions.

Objectives

1. To make clear what will be provided without charge and what will be offered with a charge being made.
2. To clarify what is meant by any request for voluntary contributions.

Strategies

1. No charge will be made for admitting pupils to school
2. The school may request voluntary contributions towards the cost of some activities planned during school hours such as swimming or theatre groups.
3. Where parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of an activity which takes place during school hours, or to school equipment, the contribution will be genuinely voluntary. Pupils of parents who are unable to unwilling to contribute will not be discriminated against.
4. When there are insufficient voluntary contributions to make an activity possible, and when there is no way to make up the shortfall, it will be cancelled.
5. On residential trips that take wholly, or mainly, during school hours, the school will charge for the cost of board and lodging at the actual cost of the provision.
6. Children whose parents are in receipt of some specific support payments will, in addition to having a free school lunch entitlement, also be entitled to the remission of some or all of these charges. A similar entitlement will apply when the trip takes place outside school hours but where it is necessary either as part of the national curriculum or the syllabus for religious education.
7. Where music tuition or singing tuition is not an essential part of the national curriculum, charges may be made.

Outcomes

The funding of activities will be a clear and open process understood by all. We intend that our charging and remissions policy will be in line with that of CWAC and the Diocese of Shrewsbury's and that it will meet the requirements of the law.