



St Cuthbert's RC Primary

Charging Policy

Be yourself, but be it very well.

'Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full'

Article 29: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Introduction:

The education we provide at St Cuthbert's, during normal school hours, is at no charge at all to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Pupil Premium: Pupil Premium 2019-20 includes all pupils known to have been eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) from May 2013 and Looked After and post Looked After Children (LAC).

Families of pupils entitled to Pupil Premium Support may receive subsidies towards the cost of the following:

- School trips
- Residential Visits - up to 15% of the total cost
- School Uniform - up to £40 per academic year
- In school music tuition - please contact the School Office

If you are unsure as to whether your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding, please contact the School Office. Enquiries will be treated in confidence.

Voluntary Contributions: Parents are invited to contribute to the cost of school trips, visitors to school and visits to enrich the curriculum. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, the trip, visitor or visit may be cancelled. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. These children are not treated any differently to others and, where possible, school will pay the additional cost in order to support the activity. School, currently, has a small Hardship Fund to cover costs where families are unable to pay for a trip or visit.

Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded, and school provides this information on the Visit Forms to families prior to the visit taking place.

Class Activities in School: From time to time we do invite parents to make a voluntary contribution towards activities in school; these may range from activities such as cookery to

theatre companies etc visiting school. No child will be excluded from such an activity. If insufficient voluntary contributions are received, the activity may be cancelled.

Reception Class: Parents of children in Reception Class are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £1 per week towards the cost of small items which enrich the day to day curriculum.

Residential Visits: Currently, school organises two residential trips: in Year 6, pupils spend a week in September at Hawkthirst Scout Activity Centre in Kielder Forest; in Year 5, pupils spend two nights at Kingsway Outdoor Education Centre in Middleton-in-Teesdale. The cost to families covers the cost of board, lodging and travel.

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 small group music tuition, as this is an additional activity and not part of the National Curriculum. Such lessons are taught by County peripatetic music teachers or other external providers. A contract is issued between the County music service, or other external provider and individual's parents. There is a cost for this tuition which is charged directly to parents. School does not enter into this contract, other than to give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming: School organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for these lessons.

Buses: From time to time, transport will be required to take pupils to a free activity. In such cases we would normally charge for the cost of transport, this will be outlined on the Visit Form.

After School Clubs: If an external provider runs a club in school, the charge is passed on to the parent. The cost of the club will depend on the charge the coach is making to school.

If a club is run by a member of staff, a small charge will be made for resources.

Please note that Breakfast and Teatime Club are run by external provider SBCC and all contracts and payments are made directly to them.

Loss of School Property: We do make a charge for replacing lost items of school property.

Currently, the charges are as follows:

- School pen - 50p
- Reading Record Books - £1

- Reading Scheme Books - £4
- Library Books - the cost to school to replace them

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