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# St. Mary's CE Academy

'Excellence through faith & learning'



# Charging Policy

*"I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full."*  
John 10:10

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## Introduction

At St Mary's, we aim to provide a caring environment where every child can thrive and is supported to achieve their unique & amazing potential as a child of God. As such, this means that we place every child at the centre of our school practice & want them to experience the fullness of life (John10:10). To allow all pupils experience the fullness of life, we ensure that all education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

## Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and the 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 the trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children any differently from any others & this is without discrimination.

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.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as "optional extras". The list is not exhaustive.

- Visits to museums
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses
- Outdoor activities e.g. Whirlow, Chatsworth
- Visits to the theatre or visiting theatre groups
- Residential visits e.g. Kingswood, The Oakes, Whitby

## Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the cost of travel, board and lodging.

If a parent is unable to pay but wishes their child to go on a residential visit they need to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.