Christ Church Primary School
& Early Years Unit

Charging Policy 2025

Christ Church CE Primary School is a Christian community founded on the core values of Friendship, Thankfulness, Peace, Trust, Forgiveness, Compassion and Hope

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.

2 Voluntary Contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. 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.

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, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

visits to museums, art galleries, places of interest
sporting activities which require transport expenses;
outdoor adventure activities;
visits to or by a theatre company;
visiting speakers to the school e.g. science workshops
musical events
costs to cover ingredients
after-school clubs

3 Residential Visits

3.1 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. Guidance in points 2.1 and 2.2 above apply. If the residential visit is mainly out of school time i.e. holidays or weekends, Governors reserve the right to withdraw a place from a child who is unable to make part or whole payment. Governors will consider each such case individually.

4 Music Tuition

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

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 therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

6 Materials

6.1 In some circumstance's parents may be asked to contribute towards the cost of materials for a particular activity e.g. food

7 After school clubs provided by outside organisations

7.1.1 The school offers a range of additional coaching before and after school. Where a qualified coach or music teacher who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions there may be a charge. Other sessions led by staff or partner high school will be offered to pupils free of charge.

8. Monitoring and review

8.1 This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed in two years, or earlier if necessary.

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Headteacher

Review every two years – March 2027