

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CE (VA) J&I SCHOOL

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

Summer 2015



POLICY REVIEW - Amendment History		Next Review: Spring 2020
Autumn 2014	Reviewed by L Binner/S Khan. Relevant legislation and advice link amended. Approved by Res Cttee Summer 2015.	

OUR MISSION

'...We aim to serve our multi-racial, multi-faith community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice, irrespective of race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, class or ability...'



INTRODUCTION

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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. 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 which may be organized by the school, and which would 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;
- residential;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.
- trips to local area.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the curriculum, we will not make any charge for the education. However, we will make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodgings and travel expenses. Such charges may be waived or reduced for children whose parents make an application to the Headteacher.

MUSIC TUITION

Music is provided free of charge to all children as part of the normal school curriculum. There may be a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the curriculum. If peripatetic music teachers come to the school to teach individual or small group lessons, we make a charge for these lessons. Such charges may be waived or reduced for children whose parents make an application to the Headteacher.

SWIMMING

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Classes 4 and 5. These take place in school time and are part of the curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission and support for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Book bags and sweatshirts are available to buy from the School Office at a reasonable cost to parents.

Extended Schools activities after school are provided free of charge to the child and parent. School subsidises costs for equipment and resources. Breakfast club is available each day and provides breakfast cereal, toast, yoghurts and juice. All children and parents of the school are able to access this facility free of charge.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND PUBLICATIONS

Governors' Handbook – January 2015 – section 7.5.

Statutory guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charging-for-school-activities>

This Policy follows a 5-yearly review cycle unless a change in legislation or guidance necessitates a shorter review period. It was reviewed, amended and then approved by the Resources Committee on 9 June 2015.