



Charging & Remissions Policy

2023-24

This policy was agreed by the Governing Body in the academic year 2022/23 and will be reviewed annually unless legislation or guidance requires a review before this time.

ST MICHAEL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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St. Michael's C of E Primary School recognises the valuable contribution made to the curriculum by a wide range of additional activities such as school visits and journeys. Such activities not only contribute to the growing confidence and social development of the child but also towards gaining a grasp of how the real world beyond our gates actually works. Such charges as are made by the school are made with these aims in mind, and we find that parents are happy to support our activities with voluntary contributions. If, however, insufficient voluntary contributions are received, then activities may have to be cancelled.

The remissions policy must set out the circumstances in which charges will be remitted in whole or in part. Section 457 of the Education Act 1996 states where a parent is in receipt of prescribed benefits or allowances, their child is entitled to free board and lodging on a residential trip.

The prescribed benefits are;

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

SUMMARY OF CHARGES – *THE BASIC PREMISE IS THAT COMPULSORY EDUCATION IN THIS COUNTRY IS FREE HOWEVER;*

1. 'Optional Extras', not related to statutory duties for example extra-curricular clubs requiring expenditure on materials or activities taking place partly or wholly outside school time. The full cost of the activity may be charged.
2. Board and lodging on residential visits mainly in school time (50% or more) The accommodation and meals can be charged but transport and other costs have to be funded through voluntary contributions. A breakdown of costs must be given.
3. Board and lodging on residential visits and other trips mainly out of school time (50% or more) if not related to a statutory curriculum purpose a charge for the entire amount will be requested. The FSM benefit criteria does not apply.

4. If a pupil is entitled to Free School meals, then they are exempt from the meals and accommodation part of the cost. Letters to parents must state this requirement. Parents will be invited to contribute to the other costs in the same way.
5. For trips mainly out of school time (50% or more) If not related to a statutory curriculum purpose a charge for the entire amount will be requested. The FSM benefit criteria does not apply.
6. Peripatetic music services. The full cost will be charged except in cases of statutory remission FSM.
7. Voluntary contributions from parents Day Trips in school time cannot be charged, whether curriculum based or as end of term 'treats'. Voluntary contributions can be requested stating, that the trip may be cancelled if insufficient contributions are received. Pupils will not be discriminated against any pupil whose parents choose not contribute.
8. Private telephone charges. Staff use own mobiles. N/A
9. Private photocopying N/A
10. Hot school Meals by staff N/A

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