



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Faithfully following in the footsteps of Jesus,
we serve, love and learn together
inspiring each other to excellence".*

Policy on Charging

January 21

2026

This policy will be reviewed **every year** by the Governing Body

Signed..... Date.....

Mr T O'Malley

Chair of Governors

Review date: January 2027

1 Introduction

- 1.1 All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

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 and carers 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 or carers 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 and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and 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 and carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:
- visits to museums;
 - sporting activities which require transport expenses;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
 - visits to or by a theatre company;
 - music events.

3 Music tuition

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

4 Swimming

- 4.1 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.

5 Monitoring and review

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