

**“Learning and Growing
Together; Inspired by the
Love of Jesus.”**

St Aidan’s Catholic Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy



Christ Centred Aim:

Inspired by the love of Jesus, we are committed to creating a school community for all, by developing everyone to support Catholic values and show love and forgiveness to all.

Education Aim:

By learning and growing together, everyone can discover and develop their gifts, use their knowledge and skills and aspire to do their best in all areas of the curriculum.

Community Aim:

Together we foster respect for each other and for our environment creating a welcoming, non-judgemental community that works together in peace and harmony as one school, parish and global family.

Ratified on: 23/01/24

Date to be reviewed: Autumn Term 2024

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2023-24

This policy complies with the legislation in force.

(The definition of a parent is a parent or an adult with legal parental responsibility)

The Policy

1. General Points

- 1.1. The charging policy of St. Aidan's School is determined by the governing body and may differ from that of Knowsley Local Education Authority.
- 1.2. This policy will be reviewed for time to time to ensure compliance with legislation and to reflect the decisions of the governing body.
- 1.3. No charge is made for admitting pupils to St. Aidan's School.
- 1.4. Where education is provided wholly or mainly during school hours, it is provided free of charge. Thus such activities as swimming lessons in school hours are provided free of transport or admission charges.
- 1.5. NOTE - The school hours are decided by the governing body each year and freely published.
- 1.6. Where supplementary activities are offered, which are not part of the syllabus, then charges may be made.

2. Voluntary Contributions

- 2.1. The Headteacher or governing body may ask parents for voluntary contributions towards:
 - 2.1.1. Any activity which takes place within school hours
 - 2.1.2. School equipment
 - 2.1.3. School funds generally
- 2.2. These contributions are completely voluntary. The pupils of parents who are unable or unwilling to make contributions will not be discriminated against.

However, where there are insufficient contributions to cover the cost of the activity, the activity may be cancelled.

3. Residential Trips

- 3.1. The charges for residential trips will conform to the requirements of the Education Act 1996.

Thus the school will support parents who receive:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided that they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if they apply on or after 1 April 2018, their household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits they receive)

- 3.2. No charges will be made in respect of fees for residential trips which are part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination or are part of the National Curriculum or the syllabus for religious education.

4. Instrumental Music Lessons

4.1. A charge may be made for instrumental music tuition for up to and including four pupils unless the tuition forms part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or is part of the National Curriculum or the syllabus for religious education.

5. Other Charges

Breakfast Club £1.50 per session per child

Breakfast Club hours 8.00am to 8.50am Monday to Friday

A free bagel provided to all children from 'Family Action, School National Breakfast Programme)

Snack in Nursery & Reception will be charged at £5.00 per child per half term

6. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed by Governors annually.