



Charging and Remissions Policy

Vision, Values and Ethos

St Peter's Catholic Primary School is committed to the principles of inclusion. We have a caring, supportive ethos that seeks to value all individuals. Our school promotes equality of opportunity for disabled people: pupils, staff, parents, carers and others who use our school.

By promoting a positive attitude towards disabled people we aim to eliminate discrimination and harassment related to disability and thereby fulfil an essential component of our ethos.

We will involve disabled people in informing the direction our school takes to promote equality of opportunity and accessibility to the school environment. We also seek to encourage full participation of disabled people in the school community even if this requires more favourable treatment.

Our school aims to provide a broad and balanced curriculum in a happy, challenging environment where each pupil can develop to the maximum of his/her potential and feel valued as an individual who can contribute to the life of our school and society in general.

Introduction

St Peter's Catholic Primary School is situated in Low Fell, Gateshead. The school serves the parish of St Peter's.

The school provides full time education for pupils aged 4-11 years.

The school welcomes pupils from all backgrounds irrespective of gender, disability, race, and different cultures.

Policy formation

This policy was written by the Head Teacher following consultation with the school's Admin Officer.

Principles and Practice

The Governing Body fully recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips and residential experiences can make towards the pupils' education. The Governors aim to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities organised by the school.



Charges

The Governing Body reserves the right to make charges in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school.

Education during School Hours

- Board and lodgings element of residential activities deemed to take place within school hours.

Swimming

- When swimming is organised for pupils in Key Stage 1 or 2, this takes place in school time and is part of the National Curriculum. We do not charge for this activity, but voluntary contributions may be requested towards the costs of transport. We will inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

Educational Visits

- Parents are expected to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport, entrance fees and insurance. Where possible, school will seek to subsidise trips that are deemed expensive. If the cost of a particular visit cannot be covered by voluntary contributions, the school reserve the right to cancel the visit. When costing a visit and setting a charge, the school will take into account the total number of children in a class, transport cost and admission fees. Therefore, payments may be non-refundable.

Education outside School Hours

- The board and lodging element of residential activities deemed to take place outside of school hours. The full cost to each pupil of activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours.

Lettings

- Request to use the school premises or grounds for any non-school activities (ie. football matches organised by private organisations) must be approved by the Governing Body who will also include at what rate the lettings should be charged.

Remission

Pupil Premium

- Where pupils are classed as Pupil Premium, the Governing Body will remit in full the cost of board and lodgings for any residential activity that it organises for the pupil if the activity is deemed to take place during school hours.

Family Hardship

- Where there are cases of family hardship that make it difficult for pupils to take part, in particular activities for which a charge is made, the Governing Body may remit all or part of this charge at the discretion of the Head Teacher. Where there are concerns, please contact the Head Teacher in confidence to discuss the matter.

Monitoring



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This policy will be reviewed by the Head Teacher and full Governing Body on a regular basis.