



## Charging Policy

### Aims of the School

1. *The school aims to show concern, in a school that looks to Christ for the basis of its existence, for all the teaching staff together with all the non-teaching staff and parents, as well as the pupils.*
2. *The school aims, through prayer, worship and liturgy, to develop the Faith of each individual in the school community.*
3. *The school aims to ensure that the curriculum provides a Catholic Christian setting in which the children can grow in Faith and understanding and in the acquisition of skills, attitudes, values and knowledge.*
4. *The school aims to prepare the pupils to become active and responsible within the home, school, parish and the wider community in which they may live.*

# *MISSION STATEMENT*

*At St. Anthony's we believe  
we are a community striving  
to live, love and learn together  
joyfully following Jesus Christ.*



## **Charging and Remittance Policy**

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Governors' Policy with regard to charging for school activities within or outside school hours has been agreed in conformity with the provision of the *Education Reform Act, 1988*, and in line with Local Authority Guidelines.

The Governors of St. Anthony's, Solihull, have agreed that a charge to cover the full cost of a school activity, (day trips and residential), will be made, subject to the criteria, as follows:-

- Parents will be asked to make a voluntary contribution.
- Any activities for which parents are invited to contribute will only proceed if the total costs of the activity can be met and hence, in certain instances, if voluntary contributions are inadequate, the proposed activity might have to be cancelled.
- A breakdown of expenditure may be given, e.g. transportation costs, entry fees, insurance cover, etc.
- The charge requested will not exceed the actual costs involved.
- Parents unable or unwilling to meet the cost will be asked to write to the Head Teacher explaining their reason. Each situation and subsequent support offered will be judged on its own circumstances/merits. As a consequence the Governors may consider subsidising charges for children whose parents experience financial difficulties. This subsidy will come from the School Budget Share
- Should sufficient support for any activity not be forthcoming, then the activity may have to be cancelled.
- In light of greater demands being made on the School Budget Share, the School may make a charge for sports coaching activities taking place out of school hours, in line with DfE Regulations if required depending on who is delivering the activities. The charges for these activities are reviewed annually.

- *Parents of children in Early Years are asked to contribute to a separate fund due to the nature of their creative curriculum*
- *The cost of providing board and lodging for pupils taking part in residential activities, during outside normal school hours, must in normal circumstances be met by parents. If parents have a concern with these they can make an appointment to speak to the Head Teacher.*

### **Books and Other Materials**

*Books and other materials are provided free of charge and remain the property of the School.*

- *Parents may be charged for defaced, damaged or lost books.*
- *Parents may be asked to meet the cost of damage to School property.*
- *Parents will be charged for any wilful damage to School property.*
- *Parents may be charged for ingredients or materials used in practical subjects, if the pupil wished to own the finished product.*

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