

The Federation of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning, & St Joseph's, Ushaw Moor, Catholic Schools



*“Living, loving and learning together,
With our eyes focused on Jesus.”*

Charging & Remissions Policy February 2023

Rooted in a firm understanding in the love of God, our aim is that each child who leaves our schools will be a caring, confident and accomplished member of the community; with a desire to continue to flourish.

‘The convention applies to everyone: whatever their race, religion or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from.’

Article 2 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

‘The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect them.’

Article 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Introduction

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.

Voluntary Contributions

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. 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.

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;
- clubs delivered by outside providers
- musical events.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, although parents and carers who receive state benefits may be exempt from this charge.

If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There is a charge however for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum.

These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. Charges for these lessons are paid directly to the Music Service, but children entitled to Free School Meals or Pupil Premium are exempt from payment and are subsidised by the school.

We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition across the year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2 if the statutory requirement to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres has not been met. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity.

Wrap Around Provision

The school offers a Breakfast Club and After School Club run by Simply Sport. There is a small charge for these sessions, but again children entitled to Free School Meals or Pupil Premium are exempt from payment.

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