

Our Lady's Catholic  
Primary School



Charging Policy



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*'Living and Learning in Faith'*

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As a Catholic Primary School we firmly believe that our faith is central to all we undertake and that all our policies will reflect our central mission "Living and Learning in Faith."

## Mission Statement

The aim of our school is:

To provide a loving Catholic environment which will help each individual member of the school family grow morally, spiritually and academically in the love of Jesus Christ.

This means we aim to meet our children's needs in the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ that God loves us all. This is found in the life of the school through:

- The quality of relationships based on love, care, respect and trust.
- Prayer, reflection and celebration
- Learning and teaching that enables children to reach their full potential.
- Partnership between home, school and parish.

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### Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

### Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. 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 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 have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. 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 the theatre;
- musical events.

### Residential visits

At Our Lady's School we organise three residential visits for children in Years 4, 5, and 6. We make a charge for travel, board, food, excursions and professional trainers who provide the activities. Parents/carers are provided with a savings card to spread the cost of these trips. Any parents/carers who are unable to fund the full cost of the trip can make alternative arrangements with the Headteacher.

### Music tuition

All children study music at Our Lady's School as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

### Swimming

Our Lady's School organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

### After School Activities

Our Lady's School offers additional after school activities. When a qualified coach/instructor, or a member of the school staff, runs and organizes these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.