

**St. Bede's Catholic Infant School
Charging and Remissions Policy**

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Signed Chair of Governors S. Howard Date 24.11.2020

Rationale

At St Bede's we believe that we are entrusted to promote the intellectual, spiritual, moral, social and cultural and physical development of the children in our care, and prepare them for the responsibilities and experiences of adult life. This is achieved through the ethos of our School, the curriculum and our response to the needs of the pupils.

The School staff is engaged in providing a wide range of opportunities, encouraging maximum participation and fostering equality of opportunity for all children.

Purposes

- **To continue to maintain a policy in accordance with legislation.**
- **To maintain the right to free school education.**
- **To endorse that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal teaching time are available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.**
- **To reinforce that there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education or related activity, but to give the school the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.**
- **To confirm the right of the school to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the School, or in support of any activity organised by the School whether during or outside school hours.**

Guidelines

- **The Governing Body will seek voluntary contributions in order to fund activities taking place wholly or mainly during school hours for which costs cannot be met from the School's budget. It is made clear to parents, in writing, that any contribution is voluntary and failure to contribute will not involve the relevant parent's child being treated differently from any other child in the School. Parents/Carers are informed through this policy that where an activity cannot take place without some support from parents/carers and there are insufficient voluntary contributions the activity may be cancelled.**
- **Parents are asked to contribute to activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours and which are not required in order to fulfill statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education.**

Remissions

- **School does not undertake residential visits**
- **The Governing Body is empowered to remit charges for activities where costs can be reasonably and appropriately met from the school's budget. The school continues to be responsible for meeting the cost of any remission charges arising from this policy.**