



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School, Swindon



Charging and Remissions Policy



School Vision:

Belong

At Holy Rood Catholic Primary School, we will provide a nurturing and inclusive environment enthused by the Spirit of Christ to enable everyone to make a positive contribution, both to the school and the wider community. We will show love, compassion and respect for others.

A sense of unity will be created by forming relationships that are based on trust, loyalty, forgiveness and acceptance; we will endeavour to act justly and be peacemakers as Christ's disciples, inspired by the Gospel values.

We will encourage a sense of responsibility and help children learn to appreciate God's world around them through reflection, mission, prayer, healing and peace.

Learn

We resolve to develop a sense of awe and wonder at God's creation for our children - where creativity flourishes and everyone is inspired to learn, demonstrating a curiosity about the world around them.

We will strive to ensure that all of our learners are able to face new challenges with confidence, in a Christian learning environment where informed risk taking and a resilient attitude are welcomed, encouraged and achieved.

Our positive and enthusiastic approach to teaching and learning will motivate every person. Each will know that they are uniquely loved by God. We will continue to enjoy our learning and reflect on our efforts and achievements, inspiring us to always try our best.

Achieve

The children will be determined in their daily challenges, gaining confidence in their own ability, imagining what they could achieve with continued effort and commitment and working to fulfil the exclusive plan God has for each of them.

By fully engaging in all aspects of school, children will have had the opportunity to go on to accomplish as ambitious and competent individuals, always striving to achieve their full potential and positively participating in God's world.

Children's Mission Statement:

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 Mission Statement

We try to follow Jesus by praising and giving
 thanks to God,
 enjoying and caring for his world,
 loving and forgiving others and always trying
 our best!



Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed annually or earlier if necessary.

Prohibition of Charges

The Governing Body recognises that the legislation prohibits charges for the following:

- education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment);
- education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education;
- tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as an essential part of the National Curriculum.
- entry for a prescribed public examination, if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school;
- education provided on any trip that takes place during school hours;
- education provided on any trip that takes place outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of the school's basic curriculum for religious education;
- Supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential trip;
- transporting registered pupils to or from the school premises, where the local education authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport;
- transporting registered pupils to other premises where the governing body or local education authority has arranged for pupils to be educated;
- transport provided in connection with an educational trip

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to 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.

The following is an example list additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras:'

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;



- outdoor adventure activities;
- DT resources to enhance each child's learning;
- musical events.

Residential visits

When the school organises a residential visit that takes place during school time—or mostly during school time—and is designed to deliver education directly linked to the National Curriculum, we do not charge for the educational element of the trip.

However, parents are required to cover the cost of the **residential expenses** (such as accommodation and meals). In addition, we ask parents to **contribute towards the full cost of travel and activity expenses**, as these fall outside the scope of our main school budget.

To help make these trips more accessible, a **savings scheme** will be available, allowing parents to spread the cost over a longer period.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There is a charge for individual and group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum.

Remissions Policy

Those parents in receipt of one or more of the credits below may be offered assistance in paying for the trip or a longer period of instalments will be made available to enable their child to access the activity.

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit (provided your household annual income is less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get)