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Charging and Remissions

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St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

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Mission statement

"St John Vianney School is an academic community which is characterised by the Gospel Spirit of Peace, Justice and Love. All that we do and say in our school will be dominated by Jesus' words "Love one another as I have loved you". Our school rules are based on this statement and carried in "our hearts and our heads" and reflected inthe life and work of our school".

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of all children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Introduction

The Governing Body is conscious of the valuable contribution which can be made to children's education by educational activities beyond the school and beyond the day to day curriculum. It is required by law to state circumstances in which it will make charges for such activities and to say when it will exempt particular individuals from those charges.

The following statements on Charging and Remissions are intended to fulfil the legal requirements in this respect. However, it will be recognised that many activities would be put in jeopardy by a shortage of funds unless supported by voluntary contributions from parents and by funds raised through the efforts of the school and all associated with it. The Governing Body has established a "St John Vianney School Fund" which it intends to use to sustain and encourage activities, and it will from time to time invite contributions to this fund.

Charging policy

Having regard to the provisions of the Education Act of 1988, the Governors will make the following charges with immediate effect.

Board and lodging on residential visits.

A charge will be made for board and lodging for pupils taking part in residential visits specifically to fulfil the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum or Religious Education or provided as an optional extra.

The charge will be at actual cost e.g. for Alton Castle. In the case of Plas Dol-y-Moch Outdoor Education Centre the charges will be decided by the Governors after consideration of the scales set by Coventry City Council.

Coventry City Council will remit the charges in full for Dol-y-Moch in the case of pupils whose parents were, at the time of booking the visit, in receipt of family credit or income support.

The Governors will consider meeting the cost for Alton Castle in the case of pupils whose parents were, at the time of booking the visit, in receipt of family credit or income support.

Optional extras
Optional extras are those activities which take place mainly or entirely out of school hours and which are provided in addition to the school curriculum.

The City Council will not provide financial support for optional extras provided by the school and the school is required to ensure that any costs incurred must be fully covered by income generated.

Optional extras provided from time to time by the school include for example

Evening theatre visits
Sporting events
Musical evenings
Visits to exhibitions
Outdoor Study trips
A charge will be made at actual cost to all participating pupils for optional extras. Such costs could include
Travel costs
Board and Lodging
Materials, books and equipment Entrance Fees
Insurance Costs

The actual cost will be made known to the parents before they are asked to agree to their child taking part in the activity and participation of each child will be subject to parents agreeing to meet the charges.

Tuition in the playing of musical instruments
A charge will be made for individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument where that tuition is not part of the approved curriculum. This charge will be in accordance with the scales laid down by the governors. A charge will be made for any external examination associated with musical tuition.

Materials used in School
The school will provide all materials and equipment required for purposes of the curriculum. Essential protective clothing will be provided by the school. In the case of Design Technology, a charge may be made for, or parents may be required to supply materials if parents wish their child to take the product home. The charge in such cases will not be more than the actual cost of the materials and will be declared in advance to parents.

Swimming
The governing Body has a delegated budget to provide swimming for the pupils in accordance with National Curriculum requirements for Year 3 in Key Stage 2. Leisure Services will administer and provide the swimming programme for the school.
A charge will be made to parents to offset the cost of transport for swimming lessons.

Remission of charges
Having regard for the provision of the Education Act 1988 and the policies of Coventry City Council the Governor's will remit charges in the following circumstances:

Board and lodging on residential visits
Plas Dol-y-Moch

Charges will be remitted by Coventry City Council from its budget in respect of board and lodging charges for pupils whose parents are in receipt of family credit or income support under the terms of the Social Security Act 1986.

The Governors' will consider meeting the cost in full or in part for other activities in the case of pupils whose parents are in receipt of family credit or income support.