

ST. BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC J&I (NC) SCHOOL
CHARGING & REMISSIONS POLICY
September 2019/20.

General Principles

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that school visits and residential experiences, can make towards all aspects of pupils' education. Thus these will be promoted as far as possible as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the benefit of pupils in St. Bernadette's School. Parental consent will always be obtained prior to any child attending a school outing.

School residential trips will not be costed to generate a profit. However if this should occur and the surplus is in excess of £30, then the money will be redistributed to relevant parents/guardians. If the surplus is below this amount, it will be allocated to fund future school trips.

Non-residential Trips

In accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988, and Charging for School Activities (May 2018), where trips take place during school they will be provided free of charge. However parents will be asked for a voluntary contribution. No child shall be excluded from a trip as a result of a parent refusing to make a voluntary contribution. However, parents will be made aware that if there are insufficient voluntary contributions to fund the trip, it may be cancelled. Parents are asked to make a contribution for the cost of the trip to cover all non residential trips.

Residential Trips

Where a trip takes place outside of normal school time, a charge will be made. The charge for residential accommodation will be made as well as a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the transport element. Letters to parents will set out the cost of the trip and will distinguish between the cost of the accommodation and the cost of the transport. Parents will be provided with a breakdown of how the cost per child has been calculated.

Instrumental Tuition

Parents of children who receive private tuition in school, to learn a musical instrument will be encouraged to make a voluntary contribution to cover the costs. A contribution of £40.00 per term will be encouraged for children in KS2 and £30 per term for those in KS1. The remaining cost will be subsidised from School Budget or voluntary contributions.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body will assess whether or not a trip is viable. If the money collected is less than the expenditure incurred, it may be subsidised from the school budget or voluntary contributions.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.