

ST JOHN LLOYD CATHOLIC COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

School Mission Statement

“Learning and Growing Together in Christ”

“As a Catholic School we aim to develop a Christian Community which believes in and affirms the dignity and value of the individual and encourages its members to develop their potential in terms of knowledge, understanding, spiritual, moral, cultural and physical awareness”.

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POLICY ON CHARGING

Reviewed by Governors OCTOBER 2023

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1. Introduction

The Governing Body’s intention is to provide education without compulsory charges to parents. The Governors recognise the valuable contribution that the wide range of activities, including clubs, trips and residential experiences can make towards a pupils’ personal and social education.

The majority of these activities are financed with the funds received from the County Council. There are, however, some activities which the school cannot provide without seeking some voluntary contribution from parents.

2. Charges

The Governors have the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for the activities organised by the school.

2.1 Trips

- A charge for all board and lodging costs on residential visits, except where pupils are entitled to statutory remission.
- A charge for transport and a proportion of on-costs where the activity is optional and not part of the National Curriculum, statutory religious education or in preparation for a prescribed public examination.
- A request for a voluntary contribution from parents for school activities in or out of school hours for which compulsory charges cannot be levied, but where the activity cannot proceed without sufficient voluntary funding, whilst ensuring that no pupil is excluded from such an activity by reason of inability or unwillingness to make such a contribution.

2.2 Examinations

- The School will enter pupils for external examinations/modular components of examinations and will pay for all entries.
- A charge will be made where:
 - A pupil has failed to attend for no good reason* on more than one occasion for an examinations/modular components of examinations for which they have been entered by the school.
 - A pupil has failed to complete the requirements of the examination.
 - The School has not prepared pupils for examination entries
 - A parent insists on a child being allowed to sit an examination where the entry is against the professional advice of the teacher.

* (Non attendance due to illness must be supported by a medical Certificate or Doctor’s letter).

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2.3 Equipment and Materials

- A charge will be made to pupils who wish to purchase, where available through the school, books, equipment and materials in connection with the National Curriculum (e.g. revision guides, calculators etc.).

2.4 General

- A contribution from parents towards damage or loss of school property e.g. text books etc., caused wilfully or negligently by their child.
3. The Governors delegate to the Headteacher the responsibility for determining the costs charged for all of the above. The charge will relate to the actual costs incurred by the school, for ease of administration purpose the cost will be rounded up to no more than 10% of the actual cost.