The Rosary Catholic Primary School

Aspire, Believe, Achieve: Together in Christ

Charging and Remissions Policy 2026-27

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The Rosary Mission Statement

‘Together, God’s children,
We realise our dreams,
Inspiring and encouraging one another to reach our true potential,
Transforming our world through our unique gifts.

This policy sets out The Rosary Catholic Primary School's approach to charging, describes each type of activity that will be charged for, what remissions will be implemented and the circumstances under which voluntary contributions will be requested from parents. The policy conforms to DFE: Charging for School Activities and The Education Act 1996.

Aim:

At The Rosary Catholic Primary School, we want to provide a range of experiences to enrich and extend our children's learning and contribute to their personaldevelopment. All our children should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school visits, curricular and extra-curricular activities. However, many of these activities have a cost associated with them and unfortunately cannot be provided due to limited funds in our delegated budget from the Local Authority.
We are entitled under current regulations to make charges for some activities and request voluntary contributions from parents for other activities.

Charges:

- **School Trips** - no charge will be made for school trips undertaken within school hours. However, voluntary contributions are welcomed in order to make such trips viable. No pupil will be omitted from a trip should his/her parents be unwilling to make a contribution. The number of school trips undertaken during the school year will be dependent on the contributions made to support them.

- **Annual School Journey** - for residential trips, charges will cover board and lodging, transport, materials, and specialised third-party instructors/coaches, but *exclude* standard school teaching staff costs. Charges will not exceed the cost of the visit.

- **Music Tuition** - Music tuition can only be charged for if it is provided at the request of the pupil's parent (whether individually or in groups). Tuition required as part of the National Curriculum will not be charged for.

- **Swimming Lessons** - the school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity.

- **Practical Lesson Contributions -** parents may be asked for voluntary contributions towards the costs of materials used in practical lessons e.g. pottery, craft, needlework, cookery etc. Parents must indicate in advance if they wish to own the finished products.

- **School Funds** - the Governing Body operates two School Funds, namely the School Maintenance Fund and the School Private Fund. Parents will be encouraged to make voluntary contributions to these funds.

- **After School Clubs** -the school may charge for after school activities/clubs to meet the costs of coaches/teachers providing activity.

- **Damage to Property** - the Governing Body reserve the right to ask parents to pay for any replacement or repair to school property, which has been damaged deliberately, through neglect or bad behaviour.

Remission Of Charges:

Families who:

- receive Universal Credit
- have an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax.

May apply for Targeted Free School Meals and if they qualify, their children will receive:

- free school meals
- half-term holiday vouchers
- pupil premium funding for the school
- access to school discounts, grants or activities linked to free school meal eligibility.

Parents who have difficulty meeting any charges should discuss the matter in confidence with the Head of School.