

ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

POLICY STATEMENT ON
CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Date reviewed by governing body -

Spring Term 2017/18

Date of next review: Spring 2019/20

INTRODUCTION

This document is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies in respect of charging for School Activities.

It is in accordance with Government legislation and emanates from the School's Mission Statement and supports the School's Equal Opportunities Policy.

AIMS

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including excursions, residential experiences and clubs can make towards personal and social education and aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the School and as additional optional activities.

PRINCIPLES

1. Projects and pursuits requiring additional funding are regarded as an integral aspect of the corporate life of the School.
2. Pupils should not be debarred from such activities as a consequence of their parent's inability of finance their participation.

STRATEGIES

1. The school will not levy any charges for routine activities which occur wholly or mainly within school hours.
2. The financing of special educational visits of a specific or general nature that take place whether in or out of School but within the School timetable, will rely upon voluntary contributions from parents.
3. The School will cancel any planned venture if the uptake is insufficient and therefore, financially not viable.
4. No child will be disadvantaged or excluded from any activity because parents refuse or are unable to make a voluntary contribution.
5. When activities that do require extra financing are planned, parents will receive advance notice of the event including details of voluntary contributions.
6. The School will, when advertising a specific activity, request parents to signal their intention, usually on a pro-forma, whether or not they wish their child to participate and whether or not they are willing to make a voluntary contribution.
7. In the event of the visit being for a whole day, pupils in receipt of school meals will be provided with packed lunches.
8. The School will maintain detailed records of income and expenditure in respect of all educational visits.
9. No charges will be made for educational activities that occur outside school hours when such activities are part of the school's statutory duties regarding the delivery of the National Curriculum or the Religious Education of Pupils.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. When optional activities are arranged these will take place wholly or mainly outside school hours. Participation in any optional activity will be on the basis of parental choice and a willingness to meet the charges that are incurred.
2. In the event of a residential visit being arranged parents will be given early advanced notice and will be provided with the facility to make weekly contributions towards the costs.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular clubs and societies operate at various periods during the academic year.

Clubs of a sporting nature are largely seasonal and are offered to pupils at Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2.

Activities provided by school based teaching staff are free of charge –
eg School Football

Activities from other providers & TAs carry a charge to cover the cost of the staff.

eg Zumba - £1.50
Multiskills- £1.50
Jamie Carragher football £3.00

The Breakfast Club is self-supporting. External funding is sourced where available, however, Parents / Carers are required to contribute towards the cost at £1.80 per day. This will be reviewed in the new budget year (April 2018).

The After-School Club is self-supporting. External funding is sourced where available, however, Parents / Carers are required to contribute towards the cost at £3.00 per hour. This will be reviewed in the new budget year (April 2018).

EXTERNAL SERVICE CHARGES

The school offers facilities to outside Agencies, ie Adult Learning, Conference Room and Sports Hall Facilities.

Charges are made for the use of the Sports Hall and is registered as income (see SPACE Building Charging Policy).