



St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools

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Take care of ourselves and the world around us

Charging Policy

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1 Introduction

1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.2 If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. The school may take the decision to pay additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded and the school will provide this information on request.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events,
- workshops in school by external providers

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education.

3.2 *The school may charge for board and lodging costs associated with residential visits. These charges will not exceed the actual cost of provision.*

3.3 *Parents who receive certain benefits are entitled to the remission of these charges (see Section 11).*

4 Music Tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers, employed by

Haringey, teach individual or small group lessons. They make a charge for these lessons. Information about additional music tuition is available to parents at the start of each academic year.

5. Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children in KS2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6. Extra-curricular Activities

Art & Crafts, Multi Sports, Home club, Football, Dance

- 6.1 The school offers additional activities during lunchtime and after school. Some of these sessions are led by outside providers, who may charge for these sessions.

7 Breakfast club

- 7.1 The school provides a breakfast club for pupils in Nursery class to Year 6, which operates from 7.45 am to 8.40 am. Charges are £3.00 per child. The school provides free sessions for pupils in Nursery to Year 2, which operates from 8.20am to 8.40am

8 After School Club

- 8.1 The school provides an afterschool club for pupils in Nursery class to Year 6. It is available from 3.30pm to 5.45pm and is located in Infant school hall. Charges are £5.00 per child from 3.30pm - 4.30pm and £12.00 per child from 3.30pm - 5.45pm (includes a meal).

9 Nursery

- 9.1 Certain early years provision is charged for if requested by parents and not covered by their entitlement to 15 or 30 hours provision. It will be clear to parents before starting if there is a charge for their child.

10. Payment Methods

- 10.1 The school operates a cashless payment system. All payments for trips, clubs, nursery provision, meals, or other chargeable items must be made via Arbor.
- 10.2 The school does not accept cash payments.

11. Remissions and Support for Families

- 11.1 Parents who receive certain benefits (as defined by the DfE) are entitled to the remission of charges for board and lodging on residential visits that take place during school hours, or which form part of the National Curriculum.
- 11.2 The school may provide financial support or reduced charges for families experiencing hardship when charges or contributions apply.
- 11.3 Applications for financial support are treated confidentially. Details of eligibility and how to apply are available from the school office.
- 11.4 A copy of the current DfE list of qualifying benefits is available on request.