

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

At St. Mary of the Angels:

- ◆ we aim to follow Jesus through the teaching of the Gospels and inspire each other to be Christ-like;
- ◆ we all work as a big team to encourage everyone to be the best that they can be, at work and at play;
- ◆ we create a safe, positive, fair environment where all feel respected and valued.



Charging Policy

Current date approved:	September 2021
Approved by:	Full Governing body
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Aims of the Policy

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

Voluntary contributions

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. We allow the children to participate fully in the visit or activity.

Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. This can be funded from School Fund or via PTA subsidy as discussed at PTA meetings. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. This information is available on request.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, we make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, travel expenses and any specialist educational tuition. The cost of the visit is clearly set out for parents, providing adequate notice in order for parents to pay in instalments, if they wish. Letters to parents clearly state that personal circumstances will be treated sympathetically and confidentially by the Head Teacher. No child will be excluded or withdrawn from any activity within or outside the curriculum due to lack of finance.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons weekly. The charge for this service is £1184 per annum, therefore a nominal fee of £150 per pupil, per year will be charged towards this cost. Children who are registered for FSM will be exempt from this charge.

The school has a small stock of instruments which are loaned free of charge to pupils. After a term, pupils who wish to continue learning to play an instrument are expected to purchase their own. This can be done through the Music Support Service.

All instruments issued to children are checked by the peripatetic music teachers to ensure they are in good condition and good working order. Any subsequent repairs or maintenance costs will be charged to the parent of the pupil. If the instrument is damaged in such a way that it requires replacement the parent/s of the pupil will be charged the replacement cost.

Parents will be charged music examination fees if they wish their child to sit music examinations. This is organised by the peripatetic music teachers

Swimming

When the school organises swimming lessons it is for 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.

Sport

The school offers additional sports clubs after school

Where a qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions, we may make a charge for these clubs. Currently these are subsidised by our Sports Grant in a bid to ensure good access to all children attendance is voluntary but encouraged.

Where a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions, supported by a parent where appropriate, we do not make a charge for these clubs

School Fund

We have a voluntary school fund to which contributions are requested termly or annually. These requests are for parents to give what they can afford, with availability on the School Gateway keeping it as a priority heading the whole year. This fund is used to support and enhance the curriculum by subsidising activities in school, visits and to provide extras for children which cannot be planned for. An EYFS tuck fund is requested (currently £40/year) to provide for additional expendable items to be bought in EYFS, to enhance the curriculum

Milk

Milk is provided free of charge for children in Nursery and Reception Classes. All other children have the opportunity to have milk at break time if their parents sign up for it, via the **Cool Milk** online booking system.

School Dinners

School meals are available for KS1 via the UFSM national funds. For KS2, these are charged at the rate of £2.20 per meal, with payments required via the School Gateway. Parents may apply to Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council for consideration for free school meals and those eligible are treated with respect and confidentiality.

After School Club

The Finances and Budget for this club are separate from those of the school budget. A daily fee is charged depending on the length of care provided. The current charges are £5.50 per child, per session, 3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., siblings £4:50 per session. The club is funded and sustained through the fees collected. Fees are used to finance insurance, staffing, resources and development.

Breakfast Club

The Finances and Budget for this club are separate from those of the school budget. Parents who wish their child to attend the club pay in advance. The current charges are £4:50 for the first child and £3.50 for any other siblings. The club is funded and sustained through the fees collected. The club runs from 07:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m. each day.

Additional Nursery hours

The Finances and Budget for this activity are separate from those of the school budget. Parents who wish their child to attend 15hrs additional Nursery hours may choose to pay in advance, if they are not eligible to 30hrs additional funding via the Government 30hrs entitlement scheme. The current charges are £12 per child per session. The additional hours are funded and sustained through the fees collected.