

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

POLICY FOR CHARGING

Mission Statement

*As one family working together
to be the best that we can be,
we live, love and learn with Jesus.*

Statement of Policy:

The basic principle underlying the charging provisions of the Act is that education provided for a school's registered pupils should be free of charge if it takes place wholly or mainly during school hours. The Governors have been made aware that no charge can be levied after 01 1988. unless it has drawn up a statement in its policy which will be accepted by Staff concerned with these activities.

The admission of children to St Augustine's School is not subject to charge, or the parents' willingness to make a voluntary contribution.

The Governors wish to see the curriculum enriched for the benefit of all pupils. They recognise that whatever public funds are made available there will never be sufficient to fund all desirable activities at the required level - They therefore reserve the right to:-

- a) Charge parents for the activities charged as an optional extra.
- b) Reclaim from parents the cost of wasted examination fees, wilful breakages and damage.
- c) Draw to the attention of parents activities by a third party - giving parents the opportunity for their children during the school day to join those activities - in those circumstances charges may well be levied by the third party.
- d) Seek voluntary contributions from parents to fund activities either within or outside school hours and to provide incidentals eg. Books and equipment.
- e) Request parents to voluntarily provide incidental equipment eg. Pens, pencils, rulers etc.
- f) Charge parents at cost or in kind for materials, if parents have agreed in advance to own a finished product.

g) Charge for peripatetic music tuition.

At the time when any such activity is organised, all parents be advised that anyone in receipt of family credit or income support is entitled to claim remission of charges for board and lodgings on residential trips are not optional extras.

In future, proceedings with regard to school activities shall involve an initial letter from the Headteacher to explain the nature of the proposed activity and its likely value in educational terms.

The letter should also indicate the contribution per pupil which would be required if the activity were to take place. It should emphasise that there is no obligation to contribute and that no pupil would be omitted from the activity because his or her parents were unwilling or unable to contribute. It could however, be stated that the activity would not take place if parents were reluctant to support it.

Monitoring and Review

Review is annually unless earlier directives require this to be carried out at an earlier date.