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As an inclusive Christian school, St Michael's Church of England (Aided) Primary School values everyone as a child of God and rejoices in its diversity. Our vision is to provide a happy, loving and nurturing environment where all have the confidence to make outstanding progress and so expand and fulfil their hopes and aspirations. Our inspiring, enriched curriculum promotes a thirst for knowledge and develops wisdom.

Charging Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. 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 or carers 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. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents and carers. 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 or by a theatre company;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events/tuition.

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

3.2 If a residential visit takes place wholly within school hours then there may be some remission for board and lodgings for pupils who receive benefit/support. Parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of board and lodging:

- Income Support (IS);
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA);
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received

		- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit; and - an income related employment and support allowance - Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit - Universal Credit
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 small termly charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.
5	Swimming	5.1 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. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place.
6	Bagel Club	6.1 The charge for attending Bagel club is £2.50, this will increase to £3.00 from September 2024 with the introduction of a new booking system. Children are able to attend the club from 08:00 until the start of the school day. The charge for this club is for adult supervision and includes food and a drink.
7.	School Meals	7.1 The cost of a school meal is £2.40 and this money should be paid in advance via the school's preferred online payment system, or by cash if the online payment facility is not accessible. 7.2 Free School meals are available for families that qualify. 7.3 As part of the Governments 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' initiative which commenced Autumn Term 2014, all Key Stage 1 – Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils in state funded schools in England are eligible for a healthy, cooked lunch, at no cost to parents/guardians/carers.
8	Copies of Documents	8.1 Where parents request copies of information under the Freedom of Information Act, the Governors can provide this information in line with regulatory guidance.
9	Monitoring and review	9.1 This policy is monitored by the governing body and will be reviewed every year.

