

Holy Name Catholic Primary School

Policy for Charging

The Curriculum

“Curriculum” in its broadest sense means everything that happens in or as a result of school. We believe that spiritual and secular aspects of our curriculum are inseparable. The ethos of our Catholic school is embodied in its curriculum.

Aims

Each child is entitled to and receives a broad curriculum. The National Curriculum is taught through a wide range of activities and experiences, which are an integral part of Education in Holy Name Catholic Primary school..

We seek to provide experiences beyond the classroom, to enrich our children’s learning and enable them to see that there is a wealth of opportunity available to them.

Educational visits are a feature of school life at Holy Name. Each class makes a one day visit to a location relevant to their study of the National Curriculum each term.

These visits include museums, ecology, park, clinic, theatres, places of historical interest, zoos and farms etc.

Holy Name Catholic Primary School will attempt to ensure that all Year 6 pupils will make a residential visit.

Children from year 4 to year 6 have the opportunity to take part in music lessons choosing between piano, guitar or brass lessons. These lessons take place within school hours or before school begins.

Charging

Holy Name Catholic Primary School has adopted the reviewed LA policy on charging and remissions. We will notify the parent/ carers of the cost of any Educational Visit asking them for voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or any school activities. However, if the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions, we will make this clear to parents at the outset. Holy Name makes it clear to parents that there is no obligation to make any contribution.

School often finances transport costs and subsidises costs of Educational Visits. No child is to be excluded from making and Educational Visits due to family problems with finance.

Holy Name does not charge for Residential Visits or education provided on any visit that takes place outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum. However we can charge for board and lodging, but the charge will not exceed the actual cost. We will make it clear to parents that those who 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 and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £15,575 (Financial Year 2008/09);
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit; and
- an income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008.

Holy Name Catholic Primary School does not charge for education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education. We do not charge tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as part of the National Curriculum. Musical instruments are not charged for and are given to the children on loan if required.

CHILD PROTECTION / PUPILS AT RISK

All Staff are asked to be constantly alert for any signs of abuse to pupils. If suspicions are aroused by signs of injuries of any kind, neglect, undue emotional disturbance or unusual behaviour, please refer the matter to the Headteacher immediately, who will then inform the School's Child Protection Officer. **A DELAY IN RESPONDING COULD BE COSTLY**
Ms Pauline Sloane is the school's Child Protection Officer. Staff will receive Training in Child Protection each year.