The Roman Catholic Federation of Holy Name and Our Lady’s

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**Charging and Remissions Policy**

**HOLY NAME MISSION STATEMENT**

The Holy Name Primary School is a voluntary aided, inclusive, Roman Catholic School serving the children of the Our Lady’s with St Alphonsus and neighbouring parishes.

The school exists to help the Catholic Community fulfil the promise made to each child when welcomed in Baptism by the promotion of Catholic values in school. This is undertaken in partnership within the home and parish.

Recognising the variety of children’s backgrounds, the Governors and staff seek to be sensitive to and cater for their individual needs. We work to create a safe and secure environment with consistency, tolerance and generosity of time for all members of our school community.

We emphasise the positive aspects of all parts of school life, teaching the children about their value and worth and at the same time having high expectations in relation to academic and personal development.

 

***At Our Lady’s, we seek at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ. We remember this when putting our policies into practice.***

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# Policy on Charging and Remissions

The governors note the requirements of the 1996 Education act and

the DFE Guidance Oct 2014, Charging for School Activities. The

governors agree that:

**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. The

school may use some of the Pupil Premium Allocation to ensure all children

attend trips.

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 allow the child to

participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional

costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. 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. 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

•school trips

•musical events

**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. However, we do

make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If

parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to write in

confidence to the Head of School

**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 no charge for individual or group music tuition if this is part of the

National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small

group lessons.

**5. Swimming**

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 4. 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.

The head teacher is permitted to contribute to the costs of an activity from

any funds that may be available.