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# Charging Policy



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**ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL'S**  
**VISION STATEMENT**

**'To live and live splendidly' John 10:10**  
**By reaching our potential together in Christ.**

We believe that through the teaching of God's word at St Mary Magdalen's Church of England Primary School, we prepare our children for all challenges that lie before them, enabling all our school family to, **'live and live splendidly' John 10:10 'By reaching our potential together in Christ.'** We endeavour to provide a rich soil, enabling our children to flourish socially, morally, and spiritually in a safe environment. We do this by being prayerful and accepting of God's word, following our Christian values where love is central to all we do **Galatians 5:22-23.** *It is our vision to inspire our children by creating a love of learning throughout our unique curriculum. We worship by celebrating our uniqueness in the acceptance and respect all our differences whilst remembering our faith's diversities and spirituality. John 13:34.*



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### 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/carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent/carer wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, they need to contact school to discuss the matter further. However, 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/carers have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school can provide this information on request.

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.

### Residential visits

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/carers are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to write in confidence to the Head Teacher.



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### **Music tuition**

Children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Key Stage 2 children also take part in whole class music tuition through Choir Church.

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. If parents/carers are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to write in confidence to the Head Teacher.

### **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2 and water confidence for children in Year 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents/carers when these lessons are to take place.

### **Miscellaneous**

Parents/carers are welcome to request copies of the OFSTED report and other school related documents. There is a charge of 5 pence per sheet to cover printing costs with a maximum of £5 per document.

Breakage and "fines" are not covered by the Act.

At St Mary Magdalen's CE Primary School it has been decided that parents may be requested from time to time to pay for damage or loss of school property or equipment including library books, which is caused by their child's misbehaviour or wilful act.

It is also clear in the Act that those sums payable for previously agreed optional extras retrievable by civil debt procedures.

Music tuition is the only activity which can take place during the school day and for which a charge can be made.

School meal charges can also be levied for the provision of a school meal.

### **Remissions**

The Governing Body may remit in full or in part the cost of any activity for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited to apply, in confidence, for the remission of charges in full or in



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part. Authorisation for such remission will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors. The Governing body is aware that the school budget cannot be used for this purpose and that any remission will involve utilising private/voluntary funding which may be available.



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