

Charging for School Activities Policy

Mission Statement

As a Catholic school, St Wulstan's seeks to enable each child to walk in faith with Christ, loving Him and each other. With the help of our families, our parish and our local community, we will do our best to use the gifts that God has given us to make our world a richer place.

Background

The staff and Academy Committee of St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School recognise the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities and off-site visits make to children's educational and social development. We subscribe to the basic principle that education relating to the National Curriculum in maintained schools is free, and as such no charge will be made for:

- Books, materials, equipment and instruction in connection to the National Curriculum taught in school, except where parents have indicated in advance their wish to purchase a product
- Activities which take place in school time and on school premises with the exception of instrumental tuition for individual pupils

Circumstances in which a charge may be made:

- To cover the costs of some activities e.g. visiting speakers etc. however no child will be discriminated against due to their parents or carers inability to pay and in such cases the School may choose to subsidise the activity. The School may however make it clear that some visits or activities may not be viable if parents do not make a contribution to the costs, and reserve the right to cancel an activity in such a case
- Board and lodging when children are taking part in residential trips, and activities when they take place outside school hours

Specific guidance on the law regarding charging for activities in school can be found in the document *Charging for School Activities*.

Signed	(Chair of Academy Committee)	
Signed	_(Principal)	Date