



ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Diocese of Westminster

Charging Policy 2020

Mission Statement: 'We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together, in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.'

Community Prayer: "Let us pray for one another, no matter what our culture, nationality, disability or gender, let us all be one in His name."

Values: Love, Respect, Honesty.

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. 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.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experiences of the children, the school may invite parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. Should a trip go ahead which includes children whose parents have not paid any contribution, these children will not be treated differently from any others.

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 will 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.

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 or by a theatre company;
- school trips;
- musical events.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit during school time to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who receive Income Support or parents with more than one sibling may be exempt from payment or have a reduction of the costs.

Pupil Premium

Parents in receipt of Income Support will not be charged for their child's attendance at at least one after school club. Pupil Premium Funding will cover this cost.

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Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

There will be a charge for lessons taught in school and after school by tutors brought in through SLAs. We charge £30 per term for these activities. Fees are to be paid in advance, fee is paid for a place – not attendance. No refunds will be given.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity.

Sports Activities

The school offers additional after school sports coaching. Qualified coaches from Tower Hamlets Sports Initiative, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. We charge £30 per term for these activities. Fees are to be paid in advance, fee is paid for a place – not attendance. No refunds will be given.

Transport

We may charge if children are transported by coach to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip and not to make a profit.

Other Charges

Parents may be requested to pay for damages to, or loss of, school property for which their child is responsible and where reimbursement is appropriate.

The school will not charge for any after school club that provides extra tuition in preparation for Key Stage 2 assessments.

Hire of School Hall / Grounds

The school has a no letting policy to outsiders outside of school hours. We do let to tutors during school hours while school is in operation.

Irish Dancing lessons – Maguire O'Shea Dance Academy donate 10% of the weekly cost to the school in appreciation for the use of the hall.

Nursery Charges

Parents who are offered a part-time place for their child but wish to avail of a full-time place, if available, will be asked to pay £1,462.50 for additional hours.