

St. Margaret's C of E Primary

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Policy Statement

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In accordance with these guidelines St. Margaret's Church of England Primary School:

- Will not charge for books, materials, equipment and instruction in connection with the National Curriculum or Statutory Religious Education taught at school, except where parents have indicated in advance their wish to purchase the product
- Will not charge for any activities which take place in school time, apart from instrumental tuition for individual pupil or pupils in groups of up to four
- May charge for School-Time activities by inviting parents and others to make a voluntary contribution to enable School funds to go further. Children of parents who do not contribute will not be treated differently from those who do not make contribution
- Will have the right to cancel an activity if there are insufficient voluntary contributions to make the activity possible
- May charge for board and lodgings on residential courses, except- for pupils whose parents are receiving: Income Support; Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999; or Child Tax Credit (providing that they do not also receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, assessed by The Inland Revenue, that does not exceed £13,230). The Head teacher will inform parents of the right to claim free activities if they are receiving benefits.
- May permit organisation to charge parents when such an organisation is acting independently of the school or the LEA, to arrange an activity to take place during school hours and parents want their children to join in the activity.
- May charge for activities (optional extras), which happen outside school hours when these activities are not necessary part of the National Curriculum.
- Parents are asked to make a contribution towards replacing damaged or lost school property caused wilfully or negligently by their children.
- The Governors will review the lettings charges levied by the school on an annual basis.
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