



to renew all things in Christ

Charging Policy

St Pius X Catholic Primary School

2023 - 2024

Introduction

St Pius X Catholic School is a fully inclusive school. We are committed to equality of opportunity for all and are well aware that many of our children live in homes where income is just above Free School Meals eligibility and who experience some financial hardship.

We are also aware the COVID-19 situation and the cost of living crisis has added an additional financial burden to some parents and families. We have experience a slight rise in the number of pupils in our school who are eligible for pupil premium funding / free school meals. However, we are mindful that the majority of our pupils are not eligible for this extra support. For some activities we are required to charge a voluntary contribution for some extra-curricular activities. We will do our best to reduce the costs through fundraising, use of Sports Premium Funding, partnerships with community groups and through the use of our own school staff. We will be mindful of charges to families with more than one child and also those eligible for pupil premium.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 can access free school milk where they wish to do so if they are also eligible for FSMs. Reception and Key Stage 1 children can access free fruit. Under 5's will receive free milk and all parents can opt into the Cool Milk Scheme at any time after their child turns 5 years old to access school milk.

All pupils can access support with uniform items. We offer 'swap shop' events and a spare clothing to support families in recycling good quality uniform items. Additional grants and funding can also be accessed for families in need as they become available. We can also access a fund through BWCET for one off hardship situations. Applications can be submitted in confidence by speaking to the headteacher.

We endeavour to continue to offer a wide range of free and subsidised activities including:

- Educational Visits
- Visitors into School including Theatre Workshops, Storytellers and Crafts People
- Retreat Days
- After School PE Clubs
- School Sports Activities
- Year 6 Booster Support
- Breakfast and afterschool clubs

Music tuition for children in receipt of Free School Meals will be funded by the school using Pupil Premium Funds. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers.

We continue to collect money for our optional 'Number Draw'. This is used for treats for the children at Christmas, Easter, End of Year Visits and School Book Bags.

Monitoring and Review This policy will be reviewed in September 2024. It is monitored by the Governing Body

September 2023