



## Charging Policy

### St Pius X Catholic Primary School

2025 – 2026

#### Introduction

St Pius X Catholic Primary School is a fully inclusive school. We are committed to equal 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 increase in the cost of living have added an additional financial burden to some parents and families. However, in response to a drop in pupils eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and a reduction in funding, we are now 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.

We will provide free milk for all FSM children who would like it. Reception and Key Stage 1 children will continue to 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.

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium will continue to receive support with new uniform items. Additional grants and funding can also be accessed for families in need as they become available.

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

- Educational Visits
- Visitors to School including: Theatre Workshops, Storytellers and Crafts People
- Retreat Days
- After School PE Club
- School Sports Activities
- Year 6 Booster Support
- Wraparound care (£3 per session)

We will continue to fundraise holding Christmas & Summer Fairs and Sponsored Fancy Dress Walks. The money raised will be used for school priority areas as decided by the LGC and PTFA, with advice from the Head of School.

#### Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed in September 2026. It is monitored by the Governing Body.