



*St Anne's Catholic
Primary School*

*Our Mission at St.
Anne's is to live, love
and learn together with
Christ.*

School Mission Statement

Our Mission at St. Anne's is to provide a loving, caring atmosphere enabling each child to develop intellectually, socially and spiritually.

As a Catholic school the foundation of all we do is based upon Christ and His Gospel values of Love Peace and Justice.

We will strive to ensure that the members of our community are happy and fulfilled in their lives at school.

Introduction

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, practical activities, trips and residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social education. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

Voluntary contributions for activities as part of the Curriculum

When organising school trips, visits or workshop activities which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the activity.

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, the parent should contact the school to discuss.

If appropriate and funds allow, the school or PTA may pay a proportion of the costs in order to support a visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Extra-curricular musical clubs provided by the school are also without charge.

Optional Extra Activities

(Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours and are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to Religious Education)

It is the governors' policy to charge for such activities organised by the school. The basis for calculating the charge will be proportionate for each participating pupil for travel, board & lodging, materials, books, equipment, entrance fees and insurance.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which may require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events
- End of year reward trips

Activities not run by the School

When an organisation acting independently of the school arranges an activity to take place during school hours and parents want their children to join the activity, such organisations may charge parents.

Residential Visits

The school organises an annual residential visit for Year 5 and 6 children. The cost of this trip includes board & lodging, transport, materials, entrance to any sites visited and charges for any activities to be experienced. Children of families on forms of benefit (income support, jobseekers allowance, child tax credit or pension) will only be charged for board and lodging on the residential visit.

Voluntary contributions for these trips are requested from parents. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the activity.

Charging in Kind

The cost of ingredients, materials, equipment etc. needed for practical subjects such as food technology or DT is budgeted for and borne by the school. However, the school may charge for or require the supply of ingredients and materials if the product is to be owned and taken home by the child afterwards e.g. food products, models containing electrical equipment or batteries. The school will inform parents prior to activities, giving them the choice to pay for materials or purchase their own materials for the activity.

Breakages & Fines

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item such as:

- broken windows
- defaced, damaged or lost text books
- replacement reading or homework diaries
- any item damaged as a result of unsatisfactory pupil behaviour.

Special Needs

The governing body confirms that no pupil with special needs or disabilities will be treated any differently than any other pupil. The school will take all reasonable steps to avoid putting children with special needs at a substantial disadvantage.

Review

There will be an annual review of this policy by the Governing Body.