

Charging and Remissions Policy

Every school must have, and publish for parents, its charging policy. This policy lists the decisions of the St Mary's School Governors. This policy will be administered with Equality issues in mind

Books and Equipment

Parents of pupils who lose or damage books or equipment issued to them are expected to pay the cost of replacement or repair

Charging for materials

Parents of pupils who are on practical courses (e.g. D&T, Art, etc.) and who wish their children to own the finished product will be charged for the materials used

Parents may want to buy their children their own pens, pencils, calculators, etc, although essential materials are provided by the school

Activities within the school day

Any payment from parents for these activities is voluntary but if parents are unable or unwilling to contribute, it may be that the activity will not be able to take place. Pupils will never be treated differently whether or not their parents have made any such payments

Activities outside the school day

For these activities payment is required for pupils to take part

Residential Visits

Payment will be required in respect of residential visits taking place mainly outside school time except in exceptional circumstances.

Loss and Damage to School Property

Parents of a pupil who damages or loses any item of school property or equipment, including, for example, windows or computer software, are liable for the cost of repair or replacement

Music Tuition

The Headteacher is authorised to charge for music tuition outside normal classroom activities, in general the school will work with Dorset Music Service and Music Tutors to offer lessons which the parents agree to pay for.

Pupil Premium

Where pupils are entitled to the Pupil Premium, the school will advise parents that financial support may be available.