



**ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
CHARGING POLICY**

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moths and rust destroy...but store up for yourselves treasure in heaven.” Mtt 6:19-20

Aim:

- To ensure the school adheres to statute and guidance in charging parents for trips and resources.
- To embed our vision of being fully inclusive irrespective of financial status.

1.1 The Education Reform Act states that no charges may be levied for activities taking place in school time that are:

- a) required as part of a public examination syllabus;
- b) provided specifically to fulfill statutory national curriculum requirements; or
- c) provided specifically to fulfill religious education requirements.

1.2 Voluntary contributions are invited from parents towards the cost of other activities, though no student will be excluded from an activity because of failure to make a voluntary contribution. It may well be that educational visits and journeys can only take place if sufficient voluntary contributions are received to make the visit or journey self sufficient.

1.3 Charges will be made for the full costs of activities which take place entirely or mainly outside of school hours which are not provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination and are not required in order to fulfill statutory duties to the National Curriculum or Religious education.

1.4 The overriding principle behind our policy is that wherever possible all students should be able to participate in the full range of the school's activities.

1.5 Students from backgrounds with financial difficulties may be able to be supported by the school fund at the discretion of the Headteacher. Parents or carers will be encouraged to approach their child's Year Leader in confidence to ask for such assistance.

1.6 The school will make generous provision for printing costs commensurate to the courses of study being taken by each student. Students exceeding their allocation will be asked to compensate the school assuming no financial hardship.

1.7 A full charge will be made for the cost of re-sits of public examination.

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