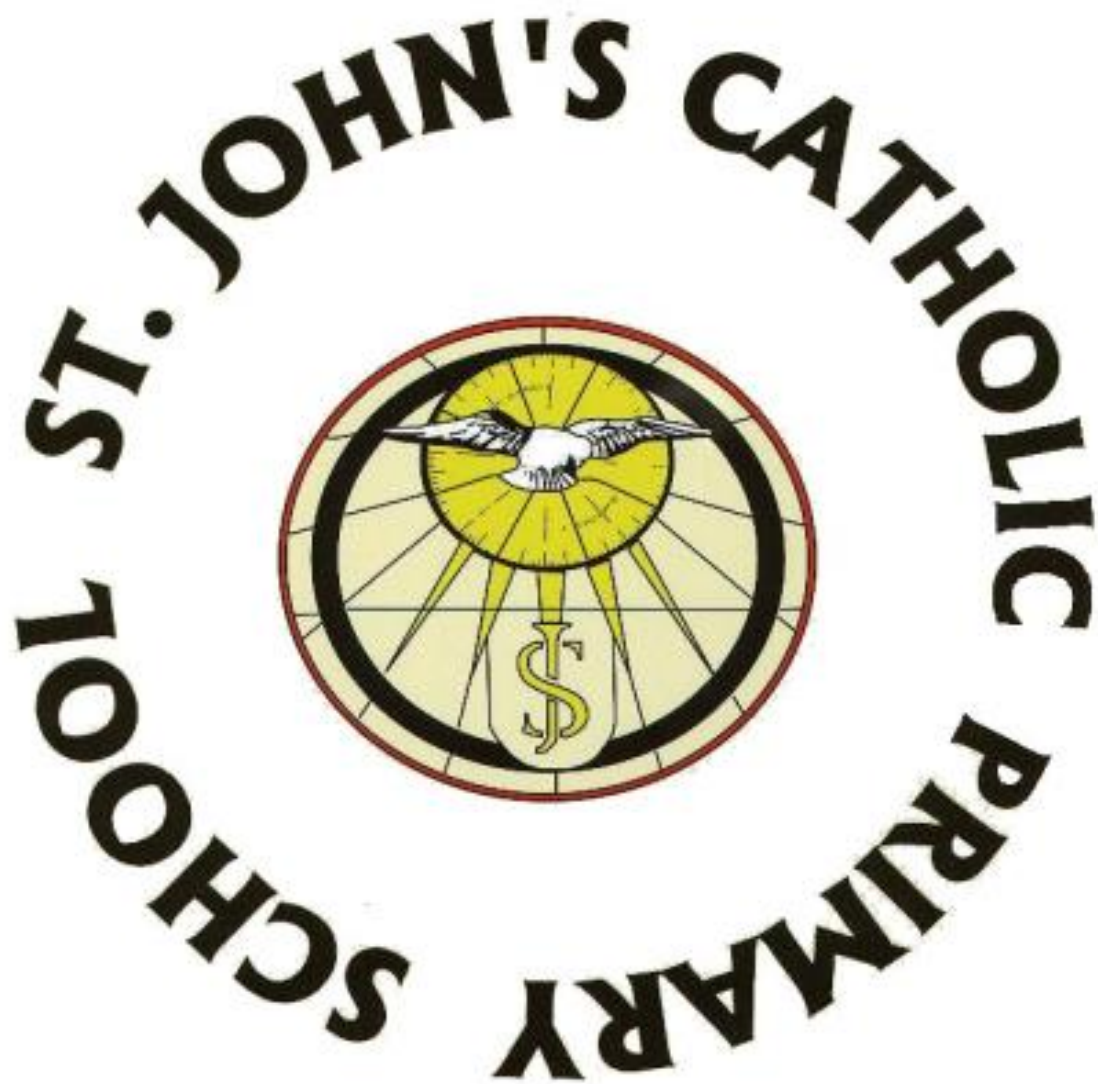




Charging & Remissions Policy

October 2025

Our Mission Statement

The Mission of St. John's Catholic Primary School is to grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus by being: responsible, caring, prayerful, creative, independent, thoughtful, curious and respectful. We live our Mission by:

- Ensuring that our attitudes and values are transmitted through a curriculum that is consistent with the Catholic faith
- Delivering a curriculum that is relevant, varied, interesting, stimulating, balanced and appropriate
- Developing policies and schemes of work which recognize that R.E. is an integral part of the curriculum
- Developing sound teaching and effective classroom management
- Generating a positive attitude to learning where realistic expectations of pupils and high standards of work are expected
- Using a variety of teaching approaches that reflect the needs of individual pupils
- Participating in projects which focus on the needs of others including local and international charities.
- St. John's is a Catholic voluntary aided primary school, established by the Church to serve the parishes of St. John the Baptist, Trowbridge, St Bernadette, Westbury and St. Thomas More, Bradford on Avon.

1 Introduction

- 1.1** All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.2 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, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 The school organises residential visits in school time or mainly school time, for which we do make a charge. This is to cover the costs of transport, board and lodging. Parents whose children are eligible for Free School Meals pay only for transport.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children at St John's. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, but will ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the coach transport. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Extra-curricular Clubs

6.1 The school offers additional activities after school and at lunchtimes. Some of these activities attract a charge.

7 Exceptions

For all activities for which a charge is made the Headteacher has the authority to agree full or part remission of charges for families who are not eligible for Free School Meals, but who in their (Head teacher's) judgement have exceptional circumstances.

This policy has been approved and adopted by the Governing Body on: 4/12/25

Headteacher :

Signed 

Chair of Governors :

Signed 

Review cycle:	Annually
Next review due:	December 2026