



NEW LONGTON ALL SAINTS' C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charging Policy



Vision

Guided by God's light, we aim to Experience, Enjoy and Excel

At New Longton All Saints', we will be **guided by God's light**, ensuring our Christian values inform our approach to all areas of school life. Our children will **experience** a richly rewarding school life, at the heart of the local community, through a varied curriculum and a range of enriching extracurricular activities. Our children will **enjoy** time at school, becoming socially intelligent, emotionally mature, and mentally resilient. Our children will **excel** in pursuing their passions and deepening their skills, through the provision of excellent and well-resourced and supported teaching.

Our Christian Values

Love, Forgiveness, Respect, Honesty, Hope, Trust, Joy, Patience, Kindness and Resilience.

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum except for individual or group music tuition and extra-curricular clubs that take part at lunchtime.

After school clubs will incur a nominal £1 charge per week, to cover costs of new resources and wear and tear of equipment, refreshments for the children and any additional expenses. Any additional monies generated from these clubs will be put towards a shortfall of voluntary contributions for school trips.

If teachers are asked to complete a passport for a child, because this is nothing to do with a child's education, then a £5 admin fee is charged. This fee will be put towards a shortfall of voluntary contributions for trips.

Voluntary contributions

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.

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.

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

Visits to museums and theatres
Sports coaching from a visiting qualified coach
Visits to cultural sites
Visits to wildlife centres
Visitors with a specialism such as 'Critters4You'

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we ask parents to make voluntary contributions to cover the cost of transport and the activities undertaken at the centre. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. If the centre is a Lancashire Outdoor Education Centre, pupils eligible for free school meals are required to pay 20% of the cost of the core provision course plus 100% of any supplements requested.

It is school policy that no child should be excluded on financial grounds alone. Money is available through the pupil premium budget to support some families financially. Children eligible for free school meals may be subsidised. In all instances, we ask that parents contact school so that we can best support you and your child.

Music tuition

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

There is a charge for private individual or group music tuition which is undertaken in addition to the National Curriculum. The music teachers teach individual or small group lessons and payment for these should be sent directly to the teachers. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school currently organises swimming lessons for children in Year 3. Lessons take place in the Autumn Term for Year 3. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. 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. We also utilise Sports Premium funding to support additional lessons for those who do not meet the NC requirements.

Photocopying

School makes a charge for photocopying based on the counter readings each term. The following charges are made:

Black and white A4 copy	5p
Black and white A3 copy	10p
Colour by request	

Signed: _____

Date: _____