

St Mary's RC Primary School  
Ysgol Gynradd Santes Fair



# Charging and Remissions Policy

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## Mission Statement

### *Learning for Life with Christ as Our Light*

#### Vision

At St. Mary's we are committed to providing a Catholic education which also fosters a sense of Welsh identity through an appreciation of Welsh language, history and culture.

We believe firmly in the Gospel Values and in our role as educators to nurture pupils, identify their talents and provide them with all the skills they need for life in the 21st century as citizens of Wales and the wider world. We seek to create a supportive environment in which every pupil feels valued both as an individual and as an integral part of our St. Mary's family – Ein Teulu Santes Fair.

Our devoted and dedicated staff will work together alongside families, our parish and the wider community to inspire, motivate and encourage all of our pupils so that they become confident individuals who are ultimately imbued with a love for life-long learning.

#### Objectives

Encompassing the Four Core Purposes of the Welsh Curriculum and the Catholic Pupil Profile, we seek to:

- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum, utilising a variety of creative, practical and problem-solving activities which enable access for all learners.
- Use our local environment in Chepstow and look further - in Wales and the wider world to enhance our learning.
- Provide excellent role-models for our pupils, leading by example in all that we do.
- Encourage and support one another in all goals - recognising talents, celebrating achievement and embracing failure as a path to future success.
- Strengthen our home-school links, recognising that parents are the first educators of their children and supporting families in this important role.
- Provide high quality, enriching learning experiences which will support children in their knowledge, understanding and development of academic and life-long skills.
- Regularly monitor and evaluate progress and standards throughout the school, with the support of all stakeholders, to ensure continual growth and development.
- Obtain advice from, and work in tandem with external agencies to support all pupils with additional learning needs.

#### Aims

Through the achievement of our objectives, our aims are that all children will:

- Develop a loving, personal relationship with God which will deepen their faith.
- Be accepting of others, respectful in their behaviour and always considerate towards the feelings of those around them.
- Recognise our similarities and differences and developing a sense of fairness and justice.
- Become well-rounded individuals who have a positive attitude to life and recognise their self-worth.
- Become enthusiastic life-long learners – ready to face the challenge of the ever changing modern world and global society.
- Recognise their strengths and areas of development.
- Develop confidence in challenging themselves in order to fulfill their potential.

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St Mary's is a Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided School in the Archdiocese of Cardiff.

At St Mary's all activities offered wholly or mainly during normal teaching times are available for all pupils regardless of their parent's ability or willingness to contribute towards costs.

No charge is made for admission, books, equipment or other teaching materials.

The governors retain the discretionary right to charge for optional extras such as music tuition except when specifically required by the chosen school curriculum.

The school uses a secure online payment system called ParentPay. All parents are given a log-in within a few days of starting at the school. ParentPay is used for the majority of payments at St Mary's School, including but not limited to: school trips, breakfast club, school dinners etc. Parents can check their account balance and payments due anytime by logging into their ParentPay account. Letters are issued on a regular basis when debts accrued are over £10.00.

### **Voluntary Contributions:**

The Governing Body also reserves the right to ask for voluntary contributions in order to support some activities and trips organised by the school either during or outside of usual school hours. Where an activity is dependent on a sufficient level of voluntary contributions in order to go ahead, the school has the right to cancel that activity if insufficient funds are received.

No child will be excluded from an activity simply because their parents are unable or unwilling to contribute a voluntary contribution. The school will not discriminate against any child on grounds of non-payment.

In the case of financial hardship parents are asked to seek advice and support from the Headteacher. Every effort will be made to ensure no child misses out on any opportunities as a result of financial hardship.

### **Damage to Property:**

The governors reserve the right to ask parents to contribute to the cost of replacing items that are broken, lost or damaged wilfully by a child.

### **Governors' Fund**

We do not currently have a viable Governors' Fund.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Headteacher) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair of Governors) Date \_\_\_\_\_