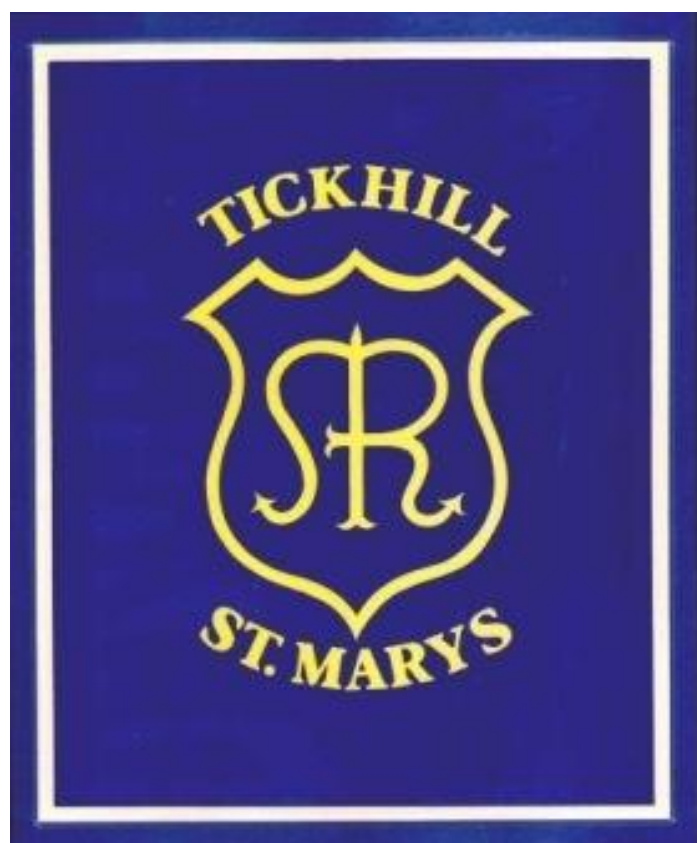


St Mary's C.E. Primary and Nursery School



Charging and Remissions Policy

Growing together, learning together

Monitoring and Review

It is the responsibility of our governing body to agree and monitor our policies. The Curriculum and Standards Team has this responsibility, though the day to day management of it is devolved to the Head Teacher.

As with all our policies, this was developed following a period of practice and consultation before being presented for Governors' consideration.

Mrs Kendrew-Jones

Mission Statement

'Here at St Mary's Church of England Primary School, through our Christian values, we aspire to nurture and educate the whole child: caring for their well-being, celebrating their individual talents and abilities whilst encouraging them to become lifelong learners. It is our aim that children, parents and school staff should work together towards this end.'

Equal Opportunities

At Tickhill St Mary's School we are committed to giving all our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. We acknowledge the right of every individual to be treated fairly and with respect regardless of appearance, age, race, gender identity, background, creed, attainment, ability or sexual orientation. We aim to fulfil this ideal through our policies and practice.

Christian Ethos

Tickhill St Mary's School is a Church of England School and, as such, we ensure that the Christian ethos is central to all our policies and practice.

Safeguarding Statement

St Mary's Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff to share this commitment.

1. Introduction

Current legislation says there is no obligation on parents and that there should be no pupils omitted from an activity in normal school hours because his or her parent is unwilling or unable to make a financial contribution. However, it also makes clear that an activity may not take place if parents are reluctant to support it.

2. Educational Visits/Events

The Governing Body of St Mary's believes that educational visits, whilst they may not be an essential part of the National Curriculum, are very valuable and worthwhile for the pupils and school will therefore organise visits and events, asking for contributions to cover the cost. Parents will be informed that contributions are voluntary. No child will be excluded because his/her parents are unwilling or unable to pay. However, if there are insufficient parental contributions to cover the cost or make the activity financially viable, then unfortunately the activity may not take place.

The Governing Body is mindful of financial demands upon the pupils' parents. At the discretion of the Headteacher, subsidy may be made from the main school budget or the School Fund.

The school will not seek to make any profit from parental contributions. Should contributions received exceed the cost of the activity then parents will receive the balance as a refund.

The following is a list of activities, organised by the school, which as classed as educational visits/events which require voluntary contributions by parents/carers (this list is not exhaustive):

- Visits to museums
- Sporting activities
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Vists to or by a theatre company
- School visits
- Musical events
- Transport.

3. Swimming

As swimming is an essential element of the curriculum the Governors have agreed to subsidise the costs of this activity from the main school budget.

4. Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Where a request is made by a parent for a child to receive individual or small-group music tuition, a charge will be made since this is an additional curriculum activity and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We would make a charge for these lessons

5. Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do make a charge for these visits. However, parents of children who receive free school meals can apply for assistance for the cost of board and lodging.

6. Activities out of School Hours

The school offers additional activities before and after school (and maybe on lunch breaks) and we reserve to right to make a charge for these sessions. If they are delivered by an external provider, a charge will be made to cover the cost of the provision.

7. Charging in Kind

The cost of ingredients, materials, equipment, etc., needed for practical subjects, such as food technology or DT, is budgeted for and borne by the school. However, the school may charge for, or require the supply of ingredients and materials, if the product is to be owned and taken home by the child afterwards, e.g. food products, models containing electrical equipment or batteries. The school will inform parents prior to activities, giving them the choice to pay for materials or purchase their own materials for the activity.

8. Breakages & Fines

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item such as:

- broken windows
- defaced, damaged or lost text books
- replacement reading or homework diaries
- any item damaged as a result of unsatisfactory pupil behaviour