

# **St Joseph's Catholic Junior School**

## **Charging and Remissions Policy**

Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1988, each Local Authority and Governing Body must draw up and keep under review its own Charging and Remissions Policy.

The following is our policy which the Governing Body has agreed:

For the raw materials used within home economics, craft, design and technology lessons there will be no charges passed on to the parents. All costs for these materials will be met by the school.

For school trips which take place during the school day there will be no charge, but voluntary donations will be asked for.

For school journeys (outings which involve one or more nights away from home) there will be no charge if the trip takes place during term time other than to cover board and lodgings, however voluntary donations will be sought. When such trips occur out of term time the full costs are payable.

With regard to music tuition, parents are invited to request instrumental tuition for their child, either as an individual or as part of a small group on the clear understanding that any charges from the Music Service are paid for directly by the parents.

The Governors will hold parents and guardians responsible for the behaviour of their children which results in damage to or loss of any school equipment. The cost of any damage to school property will have to be met by the parents or guardians. The school's discipline policy reflects this policy.

The Governing Body has stressed that whilst voluntary donations can be asked for to cover the cost of specific school trips, if this results in insufficient funding the trip will have to be either postponed or cancelled. The governors regret having to make this decision, but it does not have the funding available to allow it to meet the full cost of any school outing.

Any parent who finds that they are unable to make voluntary donations should discuss the issue in confidence with the head teacher.