



**ALL SAINTS
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST**
BIRMINGHAM
GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION

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Policy Name:

Charging and Remissions Policy

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Other Policies

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Resources Committee

Mission Statement

All Saints Multi Academy Trust, Birmingham
God's Love in Action

Our children are at the heart of everything we do through **Christian values and relationships**. **Living and learning together** we celebrate the uniqueness and diversity of everyone in our family. We nurture a sense of **self-belief, mutual respect and belonging** through Social Emotional Learning and academic excellence. We are dedicated to building the foundations for **happy and successful life-long learning**.

RATIONALE

The Board of Directors of All Saints Multi Academy Trust Birmingham recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' education.

The Board of Directors aim to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

CONTEXT

The law states that education provided during school hours must be free. This definition includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Authority or the School. No pupil may be left out of an activity because their parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind.

AIMS

- To make school activities accessible to pupils regardless of family income.
- To provide a process which allows activities to take place at a minimum cost to parents, pupils and the school and;
- Which acknowledges the cost of such activities to the school's budget.

CHARGES

The Board of Directors reserve the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school

Residential Activities Taking Place Largely During School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of board and lodging. Reductions can be made at the discretion of the Executive Headteacher.

Activities outside School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras that are not a necessary part of the national curriculum.

Individual Instrumental Tuition

The full cost to the pupil for providing any instrumental tuition if the cost is not an essential part of the national curriculum or examination syllabus. However, alternative funding can be made available at the discretion of the Executive Headteacher.

REMISSIONS

There will be no obligation for any parent to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of school activities and to the School Fund. Pupils will not be treated differently whether or not their parents have made a contribution.

The Board of Directors may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. The Executive Headteacher in consultation with the Chairman of Governors will make authorisation for such remission.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary contributions may be requested from parents to cover the cost of other activities.

GENERAL

The Board of Directors may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Board of Directors from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of additional activities, which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.

Date agreed by the Governing Body: _____

Signed: _____

Chair of Directors for All Saints Multi Academy Trust Birmingham