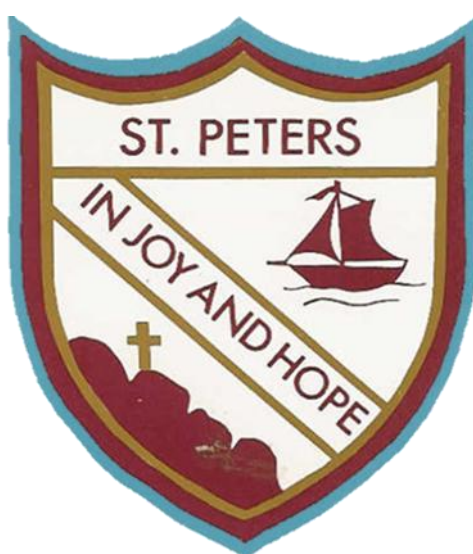


St Peter's Catholic Primary School

CHARGING POLICY



Approved by Governors July 2026

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In accordance with the Wirral Education Authority's policy, the Governing Body of St Peter's Catholic Primary School endorses the principles that education provided in maintained schools should be free and that no pupil's education should be affected by a parent's unwillingness or inability to pay or to contribute towards the cost of the pupil's education.

Pupils are not required to pay for any materials, books, instruments or other equipment for use in connection with education provided during school hours. However, the school may charge for or require the supply of, ingredients or materials, for practical subjects when parents have said they wish to own the finished product.

In respect of activities defined as "optional extras" under the terms of the Education Act (1996), charges will be made by the governors to cover the cost of board and lodging, travel, materials, books or other equipment, entrance fees, teaching and non-teaching staff and any other cost attributable to the provision of the activity.

The amount of charge permitted by the Education Act (1996) and the decision whether to refund any such charge for optional extras or for board and lodging is determined by the Governing Body.

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 the trip or the visitor. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. No child will be barred from the visit if a voluntary contribution is not received. The shortfall will be made up from School Fund.

In line with the Annual Budget Setting the Governing Body have agreed that the following charges will apply for 2025-2026

School Meals for pupils

Due to the implementation of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) in September 2014 – Children 7 years old or under are no longer required to pay for a school meal.

Meals for KS2 children are charged at £3.10 per meal.

School Meals for staff & visitors

Are charged £3.80 per meal

School Milk

School milk for pupils is now delivered by an Independent Provider – Cool Milk. Parents pay them directly. No money is collected in school.

There is no charge for milk to children Foundation Stage 2 to Year 6 if they are on the Pupil Premium Register. However, parents will still need to register their child with Cool Milk.

Letting of School Premises – Not Applicable Letting of School Facilities - Not Applicable

Trips - Voluntary contributions are asked from parents, which vary per trip. Trips are subsidised by the School Fund Account, as required.

Residential Visits - A voluntary contribution is asked for from parents to cover the costs of board and lodgings, a combination of PE funding, and budget subsidises the remaining costs and a contribution from school fund covers transport. Trips are subsidised by the School Fund Account, as required.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - A charge may be levied for participation in extracurricular activities to meet the costs of materials and staffing as needed.

Rise (Breakfast) Club – Rise Club is available Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 8:45am. There is no charge for this as we are part of the Dfe Free Breakfast Club scheme.

Shine (After School) Club – Shine Club must be booked in advance at a charge of £3.00 per pupil per session. Shine Club Operates between 3:30pm and 5:00pm. Emergency/Ad hoc sessions are charged at £5.00 per pupil.

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

Swimming - The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. 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

This policy was ratified by Governors in September 2025 and will be reviewed annually.