

ST MARY'S BENTWORTH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARGING POLICY

Date of implementation: January 2026

Date of Review: **January 2027**



Ownership: Full Governing Body	Linked to: Financial Management System (HCC); Extended Day School Policies; Governors Expenses, Hall Hire, MoPP (Staff travel)
Review Committee: Resources Committee, Head teacher	
Communicated to: Parents, Staff, External out-of-hours Providers	
Evaluation: (inc links to evidence)	

It is the policy of the Governing Body to:

- (a) Levy the appropriate charges to parents for their children for all board and lodging requirements on residential visits
- (b) Levy charges for children's activities wholly or mainly outside school hours where appropriate
- (c) Ask for voluntary contributions to cover the cost of children's activities in school time that can only be run if there is sufficient funding. This includes activities which may take place during a residential visit
- (d) Require parents to pay for wilful damage to school property for which their children are responsible, where reimbursement is appropriate
- (e) Ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards food technology ingredients

Parents should be aware that although any one activity may not be cancelled due to a lack of voluntary contributions, the general programme of events may have to be curtailed

Special consideration may be made in the case of genuine hardship.

It is recognised that the cost of board and lodgings for children's residential visits/activities **is considered on case-by-case basis and such costs supported by the School as appropriate** for families in receipt of Income Support or any other Credits at the time when the visit takes place.

Parents who are unable to pay for their children taking part in such activities should have agreement from the Head Teacher before their children are put forward for these activities.