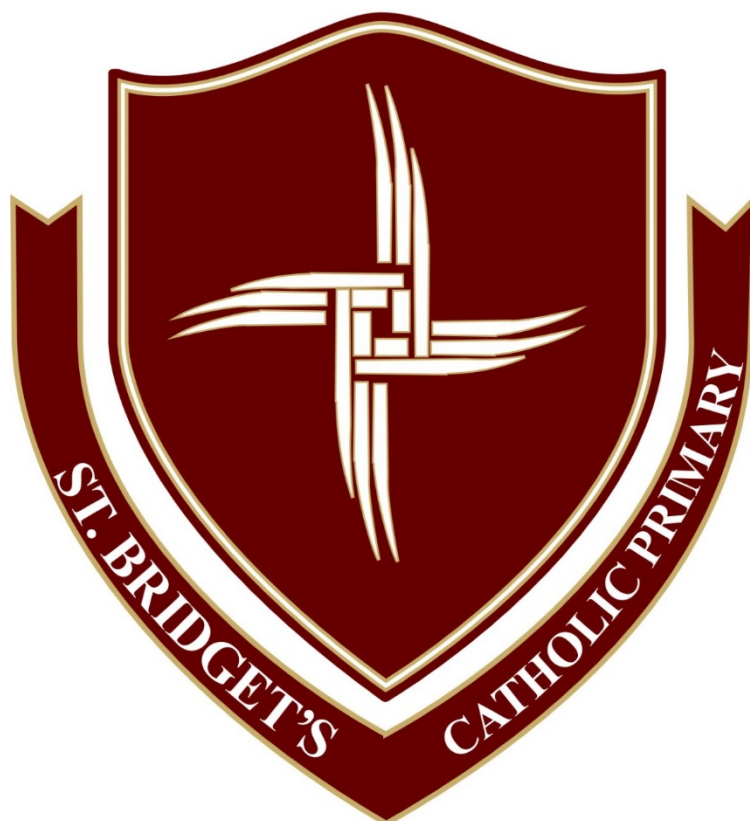


St. Bridget's Catholic Primary School



Charging and Remissions Policy

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Introduction

This document is a statement of the policy of St. Bridget's Catholic School with regards to Charging for School Activities

No charge can be made for admitting pupils to maintained schools. Education provided during school hours is free.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips, visits or activities to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip, visit or activity. If a trip, visit or activity goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

The Education Act draws a distinction between the term 'charges' which are considered to be an obligatory cost and 'voluntary contributions' which are self-explanatory.

Musical instrument tuition

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

There is an exception to the rule about not charging for activities in school hours. Charges may be made for teaching either an individual pupil, or pupils in a group, to play a musical instrument, if the teaching is not an essential part of either the National Curriculum or a public examination syllabus being followed by the pupil.