Charging and Remissions Policy

At Sherborne St John C of E Primary School, our policies are designed to ensure that every child can **achieve** their full potential, **enjoy** their learning, and be **inspired** by their experiences. This policy is underpinned by our core Christian values of **Trust, Truth and Forgiveness**, which enable us to build a secure, loving and thriving environment for our entire school community.

In line with our vision, this policy seeks to:

- **Foster Trust:** Building strong relationships with one another and exploring our relationship with God.
- **Uphold Truth:** Inspiring integrity and the courage to stand up for what is right.
- **Practice Forgiveness:** Creating an environment of patience and understanding where we take responsibility for our choices and move forward together when things go wrong.

Rooted in the Christian faith and the teachings of the Bible, our school remains a caring community where every individual is safe in the knowledge that they are loved and valued by God.

POLICY FOR CHARGING

The purpose of this policy is to inform all partners in the school of the Governors' Policy on charging for school activities.

In accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988 there will be no compulsory charges for school activities, which take place within, or largely within, schools hours.

Special activities, such as an educational visit involving coach travel and entry fees, are funded. In such cases, parents will be advised in advance about the visit and its cost and will be asked to indicate whether they would be willing to make a voluntary donation to defray the costs. Lack of sufficient support, at the discretion of the Headteacher, might mean the cancellation of the visit.

Refunds can only be given if the school has not already incurred any cost.

Governors will annually review all aspects of charging that occur within the function of the school.

Charges are made for replacement school lunches, water bottles and lids, School Photographs and lettings.

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Residential visits – parents will be liable for the costs except in exceptional cases. Cases of extreme hardship would be considered on an individual basis.

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