

HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, NW3

Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow

Policy on Charges and Contributions

1. Holy Trinity School recognises that charges to parents need to be kept few and low. This is especially true because the School takes pupils from an area in which many parents suffer financial difficulties. Whenever charges are made, there is the possibility that the children of such parents will suffer indignity and discrimination, entirely inconsistent with the School's equal opportunities policy.
2. Nevertheless, it is not reasonable for the School to avoid undertaking any activity which requires a parental contribution, and a balance needs to be kept between the possibility of discrimination and depriving all the children of worthwhile experiences.
3. Compulsory charges are currently made only when parents buy items through the School.
4. Voluntary charges are made for school trips. When parents are unable to pay the requested contribution, school funds may be used at the discretion of the Head Teacher, within the limits set by the Governors in the Annual Budget. Alternatively, funds may sometimes be made available by the Friends of Holy Trinity.
5. Parents are asked to pay for children's after school clubs. If parents have difficulty in paying for after school clubs, the Clubs Manager will discuss use of reduced payment or request use of school funds.
6. Voluntary contributions will occasionally be sought, towards the cost of a specific item or project, when such a move has the support of the Friends of Holy Trinity.
7. Parents are asked to contribute on a voluntary basis to the school's maintenance fund every year. The amount of the contribution is set by the LDBS. Parents are actively encouraged to make this contribution.
8. Dinner money is collected in accordance with CLEA procedures.

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