



Sandford St. Martin's
P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

Charging and Remissions' Policy 2023-24

Our mission statement: Learn Love Laugh

Safeguarding

If there are any Safeguarding issues that arise from the implementation of this policy, then they should be dealt with in accordance with the School's Safeguarding policy. Any safeguarding concerns should be referred directly to the School by telephone or in person for the attention of the Designated Safeguarding Lead along with any concerns relating to the Prevent Strategy.

Equality

This policy should be read in conjunction with the School's Equality Policy. The general equality duty requires that, in the exercise of their functions, schools must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010. This school endeavours to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations for all.

Charging

Books and equipment

- Parents often want to buy their children pens, pencils, stationery etc in preparation for each new school term or academic year. This is welcomed but not essential as all such equipment is available in the school.
- Parents of pupils who intentionally damage books or equipment issued to them are expected to pay the cost of replacement or repair.

Activities within the school day

- Parents are occasionally asked to contribute towards the cost of additional activities in school but any such request is for voluntary contribution. Children will not be treated any differently just because some parents have paid and others have not paid.
- If the costs of the activity cannot be met from voluntary contributions or from school funds the activity may have to be cancelled.

Activities outside the school day

- For these activities, payment is usually required before children can take part. Written parental consent and payment will be required prior to the activity beginning.

Residential Visits

- Payment will be required in respect of residential visits taking place mainly outside school time. Written parental consent and payment will be required prior to visits beginning.

Music Tuition

- The Headteacher is authorised to charge for music tuition if considered in addition to that delivered as part of the school curriculum. Written parental consent and payment will be required prior to lessons beginning.

Loss and Damage of School Property

- Parents of a pupil who damages or loses any item of school property or equipment, including, for example, windows or computer hardware, are liable for the cost of repair or replacement.

Remissions

Entitlement to Pupil Premium

The school can access Pupil Premium Funding if parents/guardians satisfy the current eligibility criteria as published by the Department of Education - Pupil Premium Conditions of Grant.

Improvement in circumstances may mean that pupils move to an Ever 6 register in which case, pupils in Key Stage 2 lose entitlement to free school meals.

Pupil Premium can be used to support the costs of e.g. visits, trips, musical tuition. We support pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding for up to 50% of the cost of school trips, music lessons and other academic and extra-curricular pursuits.

Parents/guardians in this situation are invited to contact the Headteacher in confidence, as is anyone who wishes to discuss their own circumstances in more detail.

Free School Meals

Reception and Key Stage 1 Pupils are entitled to free school meals through Universal Funding.

In Key Stage 2, Pupils qualify for free school meals if they satisfy the eligibility criteria. The school receives Pupil Premium funding for each Pupil who currently qualifies for free school meals, or who is on the Ever 6 register.



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