



## **Charging Policy**

### **Our Lady and St Joseph Brooms Catholic Primary School**

**2024 - 2025**

#### **Introduction**

Our Lady & St Joseph's is a fully inclusive school. We are committed to equality of opportunity for all and are well aware that many of our children live in homes where income is just above Free School Meals eligibility and who experience some financial hardship.

We are also aware the COVID-19 situation and the increase in the cost of living has added an additional financial burden to some parents and families. However, in response to a drop in pupils eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and a reduction in funding, we are now required to charge a voluntary contribution for some extra-curricular activities. We will do our best to reduce the costs through fundraising, use of Sports Premium Funding, partnerships with community groups and through the use of our own school staff. We will be mindful of charges to families with more than one child and also those eligible for pupil premium.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 who previously accessed free fruit will now be invited to bring a fruit snack from home. We will provide free milk for all FSM children who would like it. Reception and Key Stage 1 children will continue to access free fruit. Under 5's will receive free milk and all parents can opt into the Cool Milk Scheme at any time after their child turns 5 years old to access school milk.

Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium will still continue to receive support with new uniform items. Additional grants and funding can also be accessed for families in need as they become available.

We endeavour to continue to offer a wide range of free and subsidised activities including:

- Educational Visits
- Visitors into School including Theatre Workshops, Storytellers and Crafts People
- Retreat Days
- After School PE Clubs
- After School Clubs (£1.00 per child/session Tuesdays & Thursdays only)
- School Sports Activities
- Year 6 Booster Support
- Breakfast Club

Music tuition for children in receipt of Free School Meals will be funded by the school using Pupil Premium Funds. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers.

We will continue to fundraise holding Christmas & Summer Fairs and Sponsored Fancy Dress Walks. The money raised will be used for treats for the children at Christmas, Easter, End of Year Visits and School Book Bags.

**Monitoring and Review** This policy will be reviewed in September 2025

It is monitored by the Governing Body