



# **CHARGING AND REMISSION POLICY**

**2024-2025**

## **OUR TRUST'S PRAYER**

Heavenly Father

Let peace, friendship and love grow in our schools

Send the Holy Spirit to give:

Excellence to our learning

Love to our actions and

Joy to our worship

Guide us to help others

So that we may all

Learn, Love and Achieve, Together with Jesus.

Amen

## **Our Christian Vision is:**

*'Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the love of God'*

'Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the love of God' sums up our school vision and ethos that all children will have the opportunity to experience God's love and fulfil their potential across the curriculum, valuing themselves and others, living out our Christian values in order to make a positive difference in the world. This vision underpins our behaviour policy.

## School Aims

In order to prepare today's children for tomorrow's challenges, Rainford CE Primary Schools aims to achieve the following:

- Every child will be encouraged to understand the meaning and significance of faith, experience God's love and develop the spirituality to enable them to live out our Christian values of love, joy, peace, friendship, forgiveness, perseverance and justice

Every child will achieve their full potential through being a highly motivated, resilient and independent learner who embraces new experiences, has confidence to tackle challenges and go onto develop a lifelong love of learning.

Every child will value themselves as a unique individual with special qualities and strengths developing self-discipline and honesty; taking responsibility for their own actions and appreciating their ability to make a positive difference in the world.

Every child will appreciate and respect others, celebrate differences between individuals and groups and respect and care for God's creation and the environment.

Every child will be encouraged to make healthy choices and appreciate the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

In order to do this, we will constantly reflect the Christian ethos of our school in our relationships with our children, their families, our staff, the church and the wider community.

## Introduction

Education during school hours is free. We do not charge for general activities undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

(In this policy 'parents' refers to those who have responsibility for the care of individual children at Rainford C.E. Primary School.)

## Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. However, if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. If a child is absent on the day of a trip, refunds will not be made.

Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. The school provides information to parents about how visits are funded on request but does not provide information about individual parental contributions.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, for which voluntary contributions from parents may be requested. This list is not exhaustive:

visits to museums, art galleries, places of interest

sporting activities which require transport expenses

outdoor adventure activities

musical events

visits to the theatre

residential visits

Visits which the school makes to support the community are usually funded by the school when costs are incurred, particularly for transport. However, Governors may ask for a voluntary contribution on occasion. This list of community visits is not exhaustive but may include:

participation in music festivals  
involvement in worship  
participation in concerts, events, etc  
involvement in charity fund-raising efforts  
involvement in sporting competitions, events

## Residential Trips

The school organises residential visits in school time for Year 6, Year 4 and Year 2 pupils in the latter half of the Summer Term. These visits provide opportunities for pupils to take part in a range of outdoor adventure and other activities and prepare them for the challenges of transition to secondary school by developing independence and co-operation skills. Costs of travel, food, lodging and organised activities are borne by parents but are carefully managed to ensure that best value and the highest possible safety standards are maintained. Parents are encouraged to stage payment over several months. Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals, will have residential visits paid for in full through this funding.

## Music Tuition

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

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition which is additional to the National Curriculum. All children in Year 4 learn to play a brass instrument as part of their music curriculum. Any children wishing to continue lessons into Years 5 and 6 are asked to contribute £6 per lesson. Peripatetic music teachers from the LA Schools Music Service teach individual or small group lessons. The Music Service makes a charge for these lessons. Parents agree to pay the school £30 if any instrument is damaged during the time it is hired. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. Pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding will have music tuition fees provided through the school.

There is no charge made for membership of the school choir or Young Voices.

## Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 4 to 6. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. A voluntary contribution of £2 per visit towards transport. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

## Sports Activities

National curriculum Physical Education activities are provided without charge to all pupils.

An extended range of activities is provided without charge whilst funded by sports premium

Links with local sports clubs and associations provide pupils with opportunities to take part in additional activities. Charges are sometimes made by these clubs and associations and cost implications are made known to parents when the activities are advertised.

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

The School operates a daily:

Breakfast Club (from 7.30am to 8.50am), and an

After School Club (from 3.30pm to 5.55pm).

Breakfast Club is £5.00 per session

After School Club is £7:50 per session

Prices are periodically under review and current prices can be obtained through the school office.

These Clubs operate during term-time only and need to be booked in advance.

No refunds or credits will be made via the school office. Sessions not attended by pupils due to absence or sickness on the day cannot be credited and will be charged as taken.

## Raindrops Pre-School

There are free funded places in Raindrops Nursery for 3 and 4-year-old children for 15 hours per week. Some families may be entitled to 30 hours funding per week if they meet the criteria, which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/find-free-early-education>.

FEEE funded sessions run term time only in line with the school year and are usually 190 days. This may reduce if additional statutory banks holidays are added during the year which reduces the 190 school days. Phased admission into Nursery may also reduce the number of FEEE funded sessions in the term.

If parents would like to book sessions on top of free funded sessions, the cost is £13 per session (3 hours). Parents might want to purchase a school meal: the cost is £2.60 per meal, this includes VAT for pre-school children. This price is increased annually on 1 September, which will be updated once details are received. The cost of a lunch time wrap around session is £3.00. Children will need to bring a packed lunch if they don't require a paid meal.

## Modern Languages

Spanish is taught to all pupils in Key Stage 2 as part of the school's curriculum provision and there is no charge for this provision.

## Breakages, Vandalism and Damage

The Governors may ask parents to pay for damage to school property or equipment where this is a result of a pupil's poor behaviour.

