

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

To be the best we can be: for God, for others and for ourselves



Early Years Foundation Stage Policy (EYFS)

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Our Mission Statement

At Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School, every child is recognised as a unique individual. We celebrate and welcome differences within our diverse school community, encouraging all to grow and flourish as precious children of God. Learning is centred around experiencing the joy of discovery. The ability to learn is underpinned by the teaching of basic skills, knowledge, concepts and values, with a vision to prepare our children to be life-long learners, rooted in our school motto: To be the best we can be: For God, for others and for ourselves.

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of some individual or group music tuition on occasions.

Voluntary contributions

- When organising school trips, visits or visitors, 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 we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may in extreme circumstances 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 parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request. Funding from Pupil Premium can be used to support specific children.
- The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:
 - ❖ visits to museums;
 - ❖ sporting activities which require transport expenses;
 - ❖ outdoor adventure activities;
 - ❖ visits to the theatre;
 - ❖ musical events;
 - ❖ visits to the school by theatre companies etc.

Residential visits

- If the school organises a residential visit we usually make charges for travel expenses and board and lodging. Parents who receive state benefits can sometimes receive subsidies. Due to the cost of residential visits, we actively seek financial support so that all children can participate, eg funding the trip through donations from a charitable trust.

Music tuition

- All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Currently there is no charge for extracurricular music tuition. The peripatetic music teachers teach individuals or small group lessons.

Swimming

- The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

Other After School Clubs and Activities

- The school offers various clubs and activities out of school hours and sometimes makes charges for these in order to cover costs.

Monitoring and review

- This policy is monitored by the Senior Leadership Team and is reviewed on a regular basis.