

THE ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

Academy Trust - Special School

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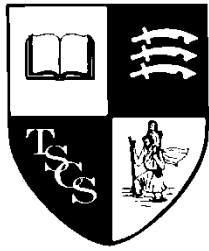
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Christopher's Cottage



A Residential Respite Care /
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THE ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST - CHARGING POLICY

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Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Voluntary contributions for activities as part of the Curriculum

When organising school trips, visits or workshop activities which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the activity. 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, the child is still allowed to participate fully in the trip or activity as long as parental consent has been given. If appropriate and funds allow, the school may pay a proportion of the costs in order to support a visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons off site for some secondary aged children. Lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We do not ask for any contribution to cover the cost of these lessons. We inform parents when these lessons are taking place as part of their timetable information.

Optional Extra Activities

Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours and are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to Religious Education.

It is the governors' policy to charge for such activities organised by the school. The basis for calculating the charge will be proportionate for each participating pupil for travel, board & lodging, materials, books, equipment, entrance fees and insurance. The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which may require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events

After School Activities

A programme of after school activities for primary and secondary pupils takes place between 3.00pm – 4.15pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school makes a charge of £1.50 for each session to cover the cost of materials and refreshments.



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Learning Outside the Classroom



Chris Cross After School Activities & Holiday Club

Chris Cross after school activities are charged at £3.50 per session.
Chris Cross holiday club charges £42 for 4 days or £11.00 per day.

Further information about the Chris Cross Club and programme of activities is available from the School Office.

SNAC (SPECIAL NEEDS ACTIVITY CLUB)

This holiday club is available for young people who need considerable additional support to access holiday activities. It is mainly for pupils of the school who attend the Autistic Resource Bases and require specialist additional staffing to enable them to access activities. This costs £25.00 per day (social care direct payments can be used). Bookings must be made in advance via the School Office.

After School Extended Care

After school extended care is a service for parents, providing short term respite. Pupils can stay for after school care on allocated week days during term time from 3.00pm – 7.00pm. This costs £32.00 per session (social care direct payments can be used). A timetable indicating which groups can use this service on which night is available from the School Office. Bookings must be made in advance.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit for a group of children, the cost of this trip includes board & lodging, transport, materials, entrance to any sites visited and charges for any activities to be experienced. The governors' policy is for the school to cover the cost of any additional teacher time necessary to lead the trip or subsequent follow-up work.

All visits are subsidised by the school through fundraising activities etc and any payment is considered a contribution towards the cost.

Parents are given the option of a payment plan to spread the costs of the residential visit. Where available, sponsorship will be provided for children of families on forms of income support or in special circumstances to enable them to take part in the option of their choice.

Charging in Kind

The cost of ingredients, materials, equipment etc. needed for practical subjects such as food technology or DT is budgeted for and borne by the school. However, the school may charge for or require the supply of ingredients and materials if the product is to be owned and taken home by the child afterwards e.g. food products, models containing electrical equipment or batteries. The school will inform parents prior to activities.

Breakages & Fines

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item such as:

- broken windows
- defaced, damaged or lost text books
- replacement reading or homework diaries
- any item damaged as a result of unsatisfactory pupil behaviour.

Special Needs

The governing body confirms that no pupil with special needs or disabilities will be treated any differently than any other pupil. The school will take all reasonable steps to avoid putting children with special needs at a substantial disadvantage.

Review

This policy will be reviewed on a 2 year basis.

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