

Policy: Charging and Remissions

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This Policy applies to all academies within the Primary QuEST Multi-Academy Trust. Primary QuEST is a Church of England Trust which seeks to ensure all pupils flourish, together in a supportive and caring Christian environment.

Together in LIFE, flourishing through LIFE, faith for LIFE

Jesus said to the Pharisees 'Show me the tribute coin.' They brought him a dinar. 'This...image', said Jesus, 'and this inscription. Who do they belong to?'

'Caesar,' they said.

'Well then,' said Jesus, 'you'd better give to Caesar back what belongs to Caesar! And – give God what belongs to God!'

[Matthew 22. 19-21 from The Bible for Everyone]

Each time the MAT makes a charge we are asking ourselves 'who is gaining by this charge? – to whom does this charge belong?' If the charge is reasonable one, it is reasonable in being an affordable charge, and all the children gain by making the charge. Parents feel their 'dinar' is paid for their child's educational gain. God's grace is on the coin.

In line with current government legislation, education during the school day at all of the schools which are part of the Primary QuEST Trust will be free of charge.

Each school in the Trust has its own Charging Policy which sets out the details of any relevant charges but in general:

- Parents are expected to provide uniform, PE kit and basic equipment such as writing implements for their children.
- Schools are able to ask for voluntary contributions for specific activities and equipment, and specialist resources
- Pupils cannot be excluded from such activities if no contribution is made (although if there is insufficient support the activity may not be able to take place).
- Charges can be made for any activities that take place outside of the normal school day, although these charges will not exceed the cost of the activity.
- Charges can be made for any damage to, or loss of, school property caused by negligence or vandalism.
- Charges or contributions may be reduced for parents in receipt of certain benefits or in certain circumstances. Where such remissions are available details are set out in the individual school's Charging policy.