

Dr Walker's C of E Primary School



An Exceptional Place to Flourish

Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.
Job 8:7

STATUTORY POLICY

Charging and Remissions Policy

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Pre-amble: School Vision, Ethos and Values

Dr Walker's is a mixed Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School in Fyfield, Ongar, Essex.

Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School is a school where every child is loved, developed, and educated into becoming a successful British Citizen, through promoting the fundamental British values of:

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect and**
- **Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.**

We aspire that all pupils succeed in reaching their God given potential at Dr Walker's - An Exceptional Place to Flourish, by:

- **Believing** in God, self and others by developing confidence, respect and trust;
- **Engaging** in a love for learning by nurturing curiosity and independence; and
- **Excelling** in reaching personal potential by being resilient and showing positive behaviour.

Our **CHRISTIAN VALUES** are reflected in:

- *Standing with **COURAGE** for what is right.*
- *Using **CREATIVITY** in problem solving and making life beautiful.*
- *Treating every person and everything with **RESPECT**.*
- *Having **COMPASSION** for others.*
- *Completing every task with **PERSEVERANCE**.*
- *Taking **RESPONSIBILITY** for ourselves.*
- *Living with **HOPE** for a better future.*

Introduction

- All education during school hours is free.
- We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, although a voluntary contribution is required to make school trips viable.

Aims: Contributions towards costs

- When organising school trips, visits or visitors which enrich the school curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost.
- All contributions are voluntary.
- If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, and the curriculum can be covered satisfactorily without the trip being made, we may cancel a trip, returning all contributions made.
- If a parent or carer 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.
- We do not treat these children differently from any others.
- Sometimes the school pays additional costs to support the visit.
- Parents and carers have a right to know how each trip has been calculated.
- The school may provide this information on request.
- The school encourages parents and carers to speak to the Headteacher if they are finding these contributions difficult and a discussion and support is provided if needed.

Music Tuition

- All children study music as part of the National Curriculum.

- We do not charge for this.

Swimming Lessons

- The school organises swimming lessons for pupils.
- These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum.
- We ask for voluntary contributions towards the costs of transport, pool hire and the provision of qualified swimming teachers (see 'Contributions towards costs').
- We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

Food Technology

- The school offers all children the opportunity to participate in cookery activities.
- A voluntary contribution may be requested to cover the cost of ingredients.

School Equipment

- On occasion, children may make items using school materials and wish to take them home.
- If the item is composed of materials that the school will have to replace, e.g. a lighthouse using wires, bulb and battery, then a voluntary contribution may be requested to cover the cost of replacement.
- Although the school recognises that accidents do happen, in cases of clear, willful damage to school resources and property, the school reserves the right to seek appropriate recompense from those with parental responsibility.

Extra-Curricular Activities and/or clubs

- The school may arrange for extra-curricular activities to take place on school premises run by outside agencies who will charge parents directly.
- **Some school clubs may also incur a fee.**

Fundraising

- The school may request parents/carers to make voluntary contributions to specific events and initiatives.