

Bosco Catholic Education Trust Mission Statement

The Bosco Catholic Education Trust is a Christ-centred family of Catholic academies, within the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, working together as one body to provide an outstanding education for all. As Catholic schools, we endeavour to develop confident, compassionate and faithful young people. Through partnership, collaboration and mutual support, we seek to enable all those entrusted to our care to become the person God called them to be.

“Serve the Lord joyfully”

Charging and Remissions Policy

The charging and remissions policy adopted by the Bosco Catholic Education Trust (Bosco CET) ensures that statutory requirements are met and is intended to reflect the general principles of the Education Act 1996 which identifies activities for which:

Charges will not be made

Charges will be made

Charges may be waived

Voluntary Contributions

The school will seek voluntary contributions for any activity in order to benefit the school or support a school activity, whether during or outside school hours, whether residential or non-residential. This includes inviting parents to pay for materials or ingredients where they wish to own the finished product. However, all requests for voluntary contributions will emphasise both their voluntary nature and the fact that pupils of parents who do not make such contributions will be treated no differently from those who have. Such contributions must be genuinely voluntary.

There is no limit to the level of voluntary contributions which parents or others can make to school activities, nor is there any restriction placed on the use which can be made of such contributions, provided they are used for the purpose specified in the request for them. They could, for example, be used to subsidise pupils from low-income families or the cost of travel for accompanying teachers. The Law says that:

If the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions the parents will be notified of this from the outset.

No child will be excluded from an activity because the parents are unable to pay. If insufficient contributions are raised the trip or activity may have to be cancelled.

If a parent is unwilling or unable to pay their child will be given an equal chance to go on the visit.

Education Provided within School Hours

Education provided by any maintained school for its registered pupils should be free of charge if it takes place wholly or mainly during school hours, school hours being those hours when a school is actually in session and not including the break in the middle of the day. This means that neither the pupil nor his or her parents or guardian may be required to pay for, or to supply, any materials, books, instruments or other

