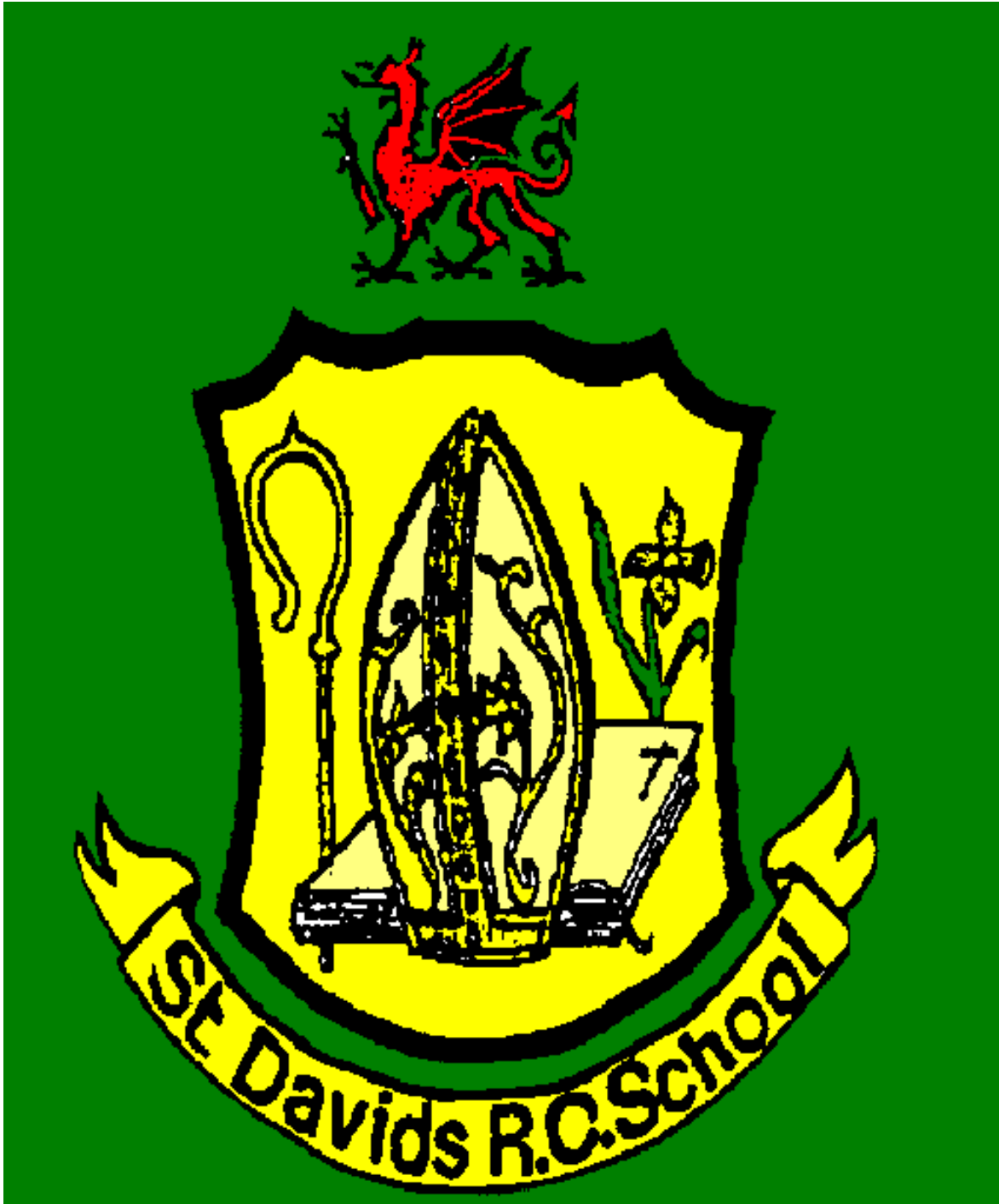


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School Mission Statement

Together,
We live and learn with God the Father, through Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit.

School Vision Statement

Inspire, Achieve, Believe!

The vision of St. David's Primary School is to enable all children to achieve their full potential following in the footsteps of Jesus. In this we aim to create a nurturing, inclusive and loving school community where Christ is at the centre and the children are at the heart, inspiring and guiding all that we do. Through a commitment to excellent teaching and learning we aim to empower our children to be confident, healthy and responsible individuals, equipped for life with God at their side.

School Values

Love one another as God has loved you.

Praise and give thanks to God.

Pray together every day.

Respect and celebrate the richness of our different cultures as we work and walk together

Be proud of yourself and your achievements.

Challenge yourself...be resilient, resourceful and persevere!

Be curious and caring about God's wonderful world.

Care for and respect yourself and others.

Help to create a safe and healthy environment where everyone feels valued

Make the right choices based on the Gospel values of love and forgiveness

Recognise your roles as global citizens with our school, parish and wider community.

Be the best you can be!

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Equality Statement

The Second Vatican Council clearly re affirms what has always been fundamental to Catholic beliefs and teachings, namely that there is and should always be equality between all human beings.

"All human beings are endowed with a rational soul and are created in God's image: they have the same nature and origin and being redeemed by Christ, they enjoy the same divine call and destiny.....forms of social or cultural discrimination in basic personal human rights on grounds of sex race colour social conditions language or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design

(Gaudium et Spes. 29)

At St David's we are in complete agreement with the fundamental belief and teachings of the Catholic Church as stated above. For this reason we are all concerned with promoting equal opportunities for all those who belong to our school family -children and staff



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Statement of Principle

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of experiences, including educational visits and visits from theatre and music groups, can make towards pupils' personal and social education.

We do not discriminate against anyone on the grounds of

- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex (gender)
- Sexual orientation
- The Welsh language in Wales
- Age (applicable to all except pupils)

Children are not discriminated against because of their parent's inability to make voluntary contributions.

Aim

The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional activities.

Most activities, which take place mainly during school hours on the premises or which are deemed to be an essential part of the curriculum, will be provided free of charge.

Circumstances where no charge is made

No charge will be made for:

Education in School

- Education provided wholly or mainly during school hours.
- Admission to school for children of compulsory school age.
- Activities which are part of the National Curriculum, or are part of a prescribed examination syllabus, or part of Religious Education.

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- The supply of any materials, books and instruments or other equipment.

Transport

- Transporting registered pupils to or from the school premises, where the local authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport.
- Transporting registered pupils to other premises where the governing body or local authority has arranged for pupils to be educated.
- Transport provided in connection with an educational visit which is part of the National Curriculum.

Residential visits

- Education provided on any visit that takes place during school hours.
- Education provided on any visit that takes place outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of religious education.
- Supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential visit.

Circumstances where the School may Charge Parents Optional Extras

Charges may be made for other activities known as 'optional extras'. Where an optional extra is being provided, a charge may be made for providing materials, books, instruments, or equipment as follows:

Education

- Activities which take place mainly or wholly out of school time if they are not part of the National Curriculum, not part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupils being prepared for at the school and not part of religious education.
- Materials used in practical subjects and project assignments provided parents have agreed in advance that they or the pupil wish to keep the finished product e.g. ingredients or materials.

Music tuition

- Musical instrument tuition provided to individual pupils or to a group of not more than four pupils if the teaching of music tuition is not part of the National Curriculum or a public examination syllabus being followed

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by the pupil.

Transport

- Transport that is not required to take the pupil to school or to other premises where the governing body have arranged for the pupil to be provided with education.

Board and Lodgings

- The cost of board and lodging for residential trips, even when taking place largely during school timey **Contributions**

Although schools cannot charge for school time activities, parents may be invited to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of for activities which supplement the normal school curriculum. This may include costs related to visits or visitors, tuition or coaching fees, etc.

Children in Y4 / Y5 attend a 3 week swimming course and we ask that they make contributions towards coaching.

Children visit Gilwern in Y6 and parents are asked to contribute towards the costs.

For children who have peripatetic music lessons we ask parents to pay the tuition fees.

Children who participate in extra-curricular activities that involve a coaching fee will be asked to make a contribution, eg football club

All pupils in the designated classes or groups will participate in such activities. No pupil will be excluded or treated in any way differently if his/her parents are unable or unwilling to make a contribution.

Requests to parents for voluntary contributions will state that:

- there is no obligation to make a voluntary contribution where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible and there is no way to make up the shortfall, the activity will be cancelled.
- pupils will not be excluded through parents' inability or unwillingness to pay;

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Requests made for voluntary contributions made in respect of individual pupils must not include any element of subsidy for any other pupils wishing to participate in the activity whose parents are unwilling or unable to pay the full charge.

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If insufficient contributions are pledged then the activity **will not** take place.

The school fund may subsidise an activity if there is a shortfall occasioned by insufficient income from voluntary contribution.

Please note that we do not charge for volunteers who attend such trips visits etc. Without their good will the activity would not be possible.

Charges for materials used

No pupil or parent is required to pay for, or supply, any materials, books, or other equipment in connection with a school activity unless it is an optional extra. However parents are expected to make a contribution towards the cost of replacing lost, misplaced or damaged school property, including Reading Books .

School Uniform, pens equipment

Governors require pupils to wear the approved school uniform when attending school. They are also required to provide suitable clothing and footwear for PE, including indoor and outdoor kit. Parents will be expected to provide the clothing at their own expense and also for items intended to be used solely by their child.

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Remissions

Parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of board and lodging of a residential trip:

- A. Income Support.
- B. Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- C. In receipt of any other benefit or allowance, or entitled to any tax credit under the Tax Credits Act 2002 or element of such a tax credit, as may be prescribed by regulations from time to time for any period wholly or partly comprised in the time spent on the trip. Currently the following are prescribed:
 - support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
 - Child Tax Credit, providing Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190 (i.e. children who are eligible to receive free school meals;
 - Income Related Employment and Support Allowance.
- D. Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit.
- E. Receipt of Universal Credit.

The governing body may wish to remit in full or in part, the cost of other activities for parents in certain circumstances.