



Whetstone Field Primary School Charging and Remissions Policy 2023 (review date Spring 2024)

1 Introduction

- 1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education Act 1996
- The Charges for Music Tuition (England) Regulations 2007
- The Education (Prescribed Public Examinations) (England) Regulations 2010 DfE (2018) 'Charging for school activities' DfE (2020)
- 'Governance handbook'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies: Complaints Procedures Policy

2 Voluntary contributions/ Remissions

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

- 2.2 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, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

- 2.3 If a child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, the school may in some circumstances be able to fund a trip for that child

- 2.4 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips abroad and in the UK;
- musical events.
- Enrichment events provided in school

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education but will invite parents to make a voluntary contribution towards travel expenses.



We do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who receive state benefits may be eligible for support from the school in respect of these fees.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits may be eligible for support from the school in respect of these fees. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. 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.

6 After school clubs

6.1 The school offers additional clubs and coaching after school. The school may employ a person who is not a member of the school staff to run and organise these sessions. We make a small charge for all after school sessions.

7 School minibus or company coach

7.1 We normally charge children if they are transported in a minibus or by a company coach to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

Signed: Chair of Governors _____

Signed: Headteacher _____

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