



Aycliffe Village Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, practical & sporting activities, trips and residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social education. We aim to promote and provide such activities to our pupils, charging only when necessary.

The education provided during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips or visits as part of an educational activity, the school asks parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not contributed. We do not treat these children differently from any others, and we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity.

Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school can provide this information request.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time we suggest a subsidised charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled.

Music Tuition

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

There is a charge for individual or small group tuition as this is an additional curriculum activity. These lessons are taught by county peripatetic music teachers and also a private music provider. A contract between the music provider and parent is issued and the cost is charged directly to parents.

Swimming

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 do not charge for this activity. Parents are informed when these lessons are to take place.

After School Clubs

Football/ Singing/ Sports Coaching/Dance/Gymnastics

The school offers a wide variety of additional after school clubs. Qualified instructors who are not members of the school staff run these sessions, and a small charge per child is made to those who wish to take part.

Coach Travel

For many activities transport is required and we ask for voluntary contribution towards the cost of the transport and not to make any profit.

Remissions Policy

Where parents of a pupils are in receipt of state benefits which would entitle their child to receive free school meals the Governing Body will remit in full the cost of board and lodging for any residential activity (classed as optional extras taking place outside of school hours). In other circumstances the Governing Bdy will invite parents to apply in confidence to the Headteacher for the remission of charges in part or full.

The Headteacher in consultation with their Chair of Governors will make authorisation of remission.

Accepted & approved on:

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