

Charging & Remissions Policy For Bilton Grange CP School

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 and swimming.

2. Voluntary contributions

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 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;
- musical events.

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. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to speak or write to the head teacher in confidence.

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 which is charged by NYCC but this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. NYCC make a charge for these lessons but not the school. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty, they are invited to speak or write to the head teacher in confidence. 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 all children in Year 3,4,5 & 6. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask parents/carers for a voluntary contribution to cover the costs of the hire of the pool & Tuition. 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. Remissions

The Governing Body has agreed that some activities and visits where charges can legally be made will be offered at no or reduced charge to parents in particular circumstances.

When arranging a chargeable activity such parents can speak or write to the head teacher in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. Authorisation for such remission will be made by the Head teacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

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