



Holystone
Primary School

Holystone Primary School Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

The Governors believe that some activities are an extension to, and an enrichment of the curriculum. We have adopted a policy which allows us to charge for some of these activities and this allows the school to ask for voluntary contributions from parents to support these activities. The policy allows us to seek voluntary contributions towards additional costs associated with activities (e.g. transport costs) and is reviewed annually.

Voluntary contributions

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 the full contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

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.

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.

Residential visits

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

make a charge to cover the costs of any workshops, board, and lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to speak in confidence to the Headteacher to discuss payment plans.

In the case of Residential trips when school has to make a commitment in advance, any deposit received from the parents may be non-refundable if the school cannot claim this deposit back.

Music tuition

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

There may be a charge for some music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum offer.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children from Year 3 to Year 6. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum.

We make no charge for the swimming lessons but request a voluntary contribution for the cost of transport to take the children to The Lakeside Centre.

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.

After School/Extra Curricular Clubs

The school regularly invites in visiting experts (for example sports coaches) to support the delivery of various activities e.g. athletics, football, art, circus skills, etc. When these activities are delivered as part of the Curriculum then there is no charge. Often these activities are offered as a voluntary after school or extra-curricular club and in these cases a contribution is required – contribution will be required to meet school costs only.

November 2015 - Policy to be reviewed on an annual basis.