

Charging and Remissions Policy

The Bythams Primary School



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Purpose

We believe that All our pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits (curricular and extra-curricular) independent of their parents' financial means. This charging and remissions policy describes how we will do our best to ensure a good range of visits and activities is offered and, at the same time, try to minimise the financial barriers which may prevent some pupils taking full advantage of the opportunities.

We do not levy a compulsory charge for any activity undertaken during the school day, as part of the National Curriculum. However, we do ask for voluntary contributions.

Residential Courses in school time

Parents are required to meet the full cost of any residential visit, except children eligible for free school meals or in receipt of pupil premium, where the cost may be supported by school, by prior agreement with the Head Teacher.

Activities outside school hours not with in the National Curriculum

Parents are required to meet the full cost, except children eligible for free school meals or in receipt of pupil premium, where the cost may be supported by school, by prior agreement with the Head Teacher. If the income for each activity does not meet the overall cost, such activities may have to be cancelled.

Activities within school hours (e.g. swimming, educational visits etc)

Voluntary contributions are requested from parents /carers to pay towards the cost of such activities. If the income for each activity does not meet the overall cost, such activities may have to be cancelled.

Individual Instrumental Music Tuition

Where the school provides an 'outside' music tutor or hire of a musical instrument, parents will be charged. School may be able to provide financial support for music lessons or hire of equipment if a pupil is eligible for free school meals or pupil premium. Parents should contact the Head Teacher to discuss this option.

Ingredients/materials for practical subjects

Parents are encouraged to provide materials for practical subjects, but no child will be disadvantaged because of parents' inability/reluctance to pay. Where necessary, the school will pay the cost of this.

Lost school equipment, books, etc

Parents may be requested to replace school equipment, books, etc. which have been lost by their child.

Breakages and damages to school buildings, furniture or property

Wilful damage to school buildings or property by a pupil will be charged to parents by the school.

Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation

The Resource Committee of the governing body will monitor the impact of this policy by receiving on a termly basis a financial report on those activities that resulted in charges being levied, the subsidies awarded (without giving names) and the source of those subsidies. It will seek to evaluate the impact of the school's extended services on those children most in need of additional support.