

Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School



Charging and Remissions Policy

This policy has been formulated in accordance with Authority's guidance on: Charging for School Activities.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to set out what charges will be levied for activities, what remissions will be implemented and the circumstances under which contributions will be requested from parents.

Responsibilities

The Governing Body of the School is responsible for determining the content of the policy and the Headteacher for implementation. Any determinations with respect to individual parents will be considered jointly by the Headteacher and Governing Body.

Prohibited Charges

A school governing body cannot charge for:

- education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment);
- education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education;
- tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school
- entry for a prescribed public examination, if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school;
- examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit(s) at the school;
- education provided on any trip that takes place during school hours;
- education provided on any trip that takes place outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education;
- Supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential trip;
- transporting registered pupils to or from the school premises, where the local education authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport;
- transporting registered pupils to other premises where the governing body or local education authority has arranged for pupils to be educated;
- transport that enables a pupil to meet an examination requirement when he has been prepared for that examination at the school;

- transport provided in connection with an educational trip.

It should be noted that a charge can be made for any materials, books, instruments or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him to own them.

Charges

The Governing Body intend to make a charge for:

- Board and lodging on residential visits (not to exceed the costs)
- The proportionate costs for an individual child of activities wholly or mainly outside school hours ('optional extras') to meet the costs for;
 - pupils' travel cost;
 - materials, books, instruments and equipment;
 - non-teaching staff costs;
 - entrance fees to museums, theatres etc;
 - insurance costs.
- Vocal and musical instrument tuition
- Re-sits for public examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school
- Cost of non-prescribed examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school
- Any other education, transport or examination fee unless charges are specifically prohibited
- Breakages and replacements as a result of damages caused wilfully or negligently by pupils
- Extra-curricular activities and school clubs

Remission

Children whose parents are in receipt of the following support payments will, in addition to having a free school lunch entitlement, also be entitled to the remission of charges for board and lodging costs during residential school trips.

The relevant payments are:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, where the parent does not receive Working Tax Credit and the family's annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) does not exceed £16,190 (FY 10/11).
- The guarantee element of State pension Credit

- An income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27th October 2008

In respect of (d) above account will be taken of any revision to the amount as advised by the Authority.

Voluntary Contributions

Parents will be invited to make a voluntary contribution for the following:

- a) School Visits
- b) After School Clubs

The terms of any request made to parents will specify that the request is for a voluntary contribution and in no way represents a charge.

- a) that the contribution is genuinely voluntary and a parent is under no obligation to pay
- b) that registered pupils at the school will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request.

The responsibility for determining the level of voluntary contribution is delegated to the Headteacher.

Voluntary contributions will be used to:

Support funding for activities