



Charging and Remissions Policy

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The Governing Body of Crooksbar Primary School recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' education.

The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

Introduction

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

Charges

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school.

- The board and lodging element of approved residential activities deemed to take place in school hours (see note 1)
- Education provided outside of school time that is not part of the national curriculum or part of RE.
- Transport that is not required to take pupils to school or other premises for educational purposes
- Any materials, books or instruments that the child wishes to keep
- Music tuition (see note 2)

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to provide a voluntary contribution to the rest of the trip. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, it may become necessary to cancel a trip. However, if a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. These children are not treated differently from any others.

Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded and this information will be provided in the school trip letter.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are:

- Visits to museums

- Sporting activities which require transport costs
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to the theatre
- School trips
- Musical events

Swimming

These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. No charge is made for this activity. Parents are informed when these lessons are to take place and written permission is given.

Charging in Kind

The Governing Body reserves the right to ask for voluntary contributions for ingredients and materials where appropriate if they are to be eaten or used by the children.

Equal Opportunities

In accordance with 1976 Race Relations Act there is no discrimination against anyone, be they staff or pupil, on the grounds of their sex, race, colour, religion, nationality, ethnic or national origins.

Note 1

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 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 any financial difficulty they should come and talk to the Headteacher.

Note 2

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum and there is no charge for this.

There is however a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons (these lessons are currently provided by Tees Valley Music Service who also have a remission policy). If parents are experiencing financial difficulty, they should come and talk to the Headteacher. Any information regarding music tuition will be discussed fully with parents before the lessons take place.