

ETHERLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY



INTRODUCTION

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to our pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

When organising school trips, visitors or visits to enrich the curriculum and the education experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. 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.

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, and the school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from the parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums; places of interest;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to or by a theatre company;
- Musical events;
- Visitors delivering workshops to pupils.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or weekends to a local authority establishment, we suggest a subsidised charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled. If the visit is abroad and is organised through a professional schools' travel company, the full cost is required.

MUSIC TUITION

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by county peripatetic music teachers. A contract between the county music service and individual parents is then issued. There is a cost for such tuition which is charged directly to parents from the county peripatetic music service. School does not enter into this contract other than to give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year

SWIMMING

The school organises swimming lessons for some children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

SPORT

We offer additional sports clubs after school. Qualified coaches from Futsal run some of these sessions and there is a charge. Some sessions are run voluntarily and there is no charge for these sessions.

WRAP AROUND CARE

Breakfast sessions run daily. This is a drop-in service and a daily register is kept. Discounts are available for FSM children.

BUSES

For many activities transport is required, we normally charge, however, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

SCHOOL DISCO / YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PROM

During the academic year school discos and the Year 6 leavers' prom will be organised. There will be a charge for these events to cover the cost, and not to make a profit.

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