



Newnham Croft Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Principles

In accordance with the 1988 Education Reform Act the Governing Body will adhere to the following principles:

- all children have the right to receive free school education;
- activities which are offered wholly or mainly during teaching time will be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' willingness or ability to meet the costs;
- the school will use its discretion in deciding whether to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours;
- the school may invite parents to make voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school, or in support of an activity organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

Where charges will be made

1. In the case of a residential trip the Act permits the school to charge for board and lodging costs even if the activity takes place during school hours. The charge will not exceed actual costs; parents will not subsidise those who are unwilling or who are unable to pay.
2. Instrumental music teaching is not prescribed within the National Curriculum. Parents will be charged for individual tuition in the playing of an instrument. Charges will be remitted in full to any family in receipt of family credit or income support who applies for remission. Parents will be informed of this when charges are made.
3. If the school arranges a trip or activity outside of the school day (i.e. a theatre trip).

Voluntary Contributions

When parents are requested, there is no obligation to contribute. Pupils will be treated equally whether or not a contribution has been made. If the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions this will be made clear at the outset.

Support for families

When a charge is levied, the school will make clear the statutory entitlement and seek means to offer assistance in cases of genuine hardship. If families have problems in supporting their children in this way, then contact should be made with the Headteacher who will, with complete discretion, seek a way of resolving the issue.

If an individual is in receipt of pupil premium funding, the school will generally fund 50% of the trip or activity from such funding.