

Parish CE Primary School



Charging and Remissions Policy



Parish Church of England Primary School

British Values Curriculum Policy Statement

Parish Church of England Primary is a school built on Christian beliefs and values. However, we recognise that our children are part of the wider British society, which is multi-cultural and multi-faith in its composition.

We also understand that we have a crucial role to play in ensuring that our children become valuable and fully rounded members of society, who treat others with respect and tolerance and are fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

Where it is appropriate and pertinent we aim to teach, reinforce and develop our inherent British values both within our school practices (please refer to our British Values Statement) and within our curriculum coverage.

This statement outlines the key British values we actively promote within the curriculum.

- **Democracy**

- **Mutual Respect**

- **Individual Liberty**

- **Tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs**

- **The Rule of Law**

Inclusion, Equality and Community Cohesion Policy Statement

At Parish Church of England Primary School we aim to provide high quality education which is inclusive and equips pupils for life- long learning. We strive to enable all pupils to achieve their optimum potential.

We aim to promote inclusivity, equality and community cohesion as an integral aspect of our school development, permeating all our policies, in order to increase the learning and participation of all our pupils.

We recognise and value the varied life experiences and needs of all members of our school community. Our school is one in which the teaching, learning, achievements, attitudes and well -being of each child matters.

We are committed to ensuring that school practice reflects our inclusive aims by utilising resources both within the school and the Local Community, by responding to diversity and equality.

We aim to develop an acceptance of the British values of democracy, the rule of law, mutual respect, fair-mindedness and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

The school strives to establish equal rights and inclusive values by having high expectations for all pupils, by valuing all children and through the sharing of the same philosophy by all staff, governors and parents alike.

CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Introduction

This document sets out our policy on charging and remission for school activities and school trips.

This policy takes into account the DfE Document 'Charging for School Activities' (October 2014).

Education

At Parish Church of England Primary School we do not 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 a statutory 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 compulsory religious education;
- tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as part of the statutory National Curriculum

We may charge for:

- Any materials, books, instruments, or equipment, where the child's parent wished him to own them;
- Optional extras/voluntary enrichment;
- Music and vocal tuition/voluntary enrichment, in limited circumstances.

Optional Extras

Charges may be made for some activities that are known as "optional extras". Where an optional extra is being provided, a charge can be made for providing materials, books, instruments, or equipment.

Optional extras are:

- education provided outside of school time that is not:
 - a) part of the National Curriculum;
 - b) part of a religious education.
- transport that is not required to take the pupil to school, or to other premises where the local education authority/governing body have arranged for the pupil to be provided with education;
- board and lodging for a pupil on a residential trip;
- any materials, books, instruments, or equipment provided in connection with the optional extra;
- the cost, or a proportion of the costs, for staff employed to provide tuition in playing a musical instrument/deliver an extra-curricular club, where the tuition is an optional extra (voluntary enrichment).

Any charge made in respect of individual pupils will not exceed the actual

cost of providing the optional extra activity, divided equally by the number of pupils participating. It will not therefore include an element of subsidy for any other pupils wishing to participate in the activity whose parents are unwilling or unable to pay the full charge. Furthermore in cases where a small proportion of the activity takes place during school hours the charge will not include the cost of alternative provision for those pupils who do not wish to participate. Therefore no charge will be made for supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential trip.

Participation in any optional extra activity will be on the basis of parental choice and a willingness to meet the charges. Parental agreement is therefore a necessary pre-requisite for the provision of an optional extra where charges will be made.

Voluntary Contributions

Nothing in legislation prevents a school from asking for voluntary contributions to benefit the school or any school activities. If the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contribution, the governing body or head teacher will make this clear to parents at the outset. The governing body or head teacher will also make it clear to parents that there is no obligation to make any contribution. It is also important to note that no child will be excluded from an activity simply because his/her parents are unable to pay. If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a trip, then school can take the decision to cancel the trip.

If a parent is unable to pay, their child will be given an equal chance to go on the visit.

Residential Trips

School offers pupils the opportunity to attend an adventure activity weekend. This is classed as an optional extra (voluntary enrichment) and a charge is made for board, insurance, lodgings and transport. School will not exceed the actual cost.

As this is an optional trip the full cost must be paid by the Parent/Carer. School will not charge for:-

- Supply teachers to cover those teachers who are absent from the school accompanying pupils on a residential trip.

Music Tuition

Although the law states that all education provided during school hours must be free, music lessons are an exception to this rule.

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 introduced a regulation-making power which allowed the Department for Children, Schools and Families to specify circumstances where charging can be made for music tuition. The new regulations which came into force in September 2007, provide pupils

with greater access to vocal and instrumental tuition. Charges may now be made for teaching either an individual pupil or groups of any appropriate size (provided that the size of the group is based on sound pedagogical principles) to play a musical instrument or to sing. Charges are only made if the teaching is not an essential part of either the national curriculum or a public examination syllabus being followed by the pupil(s), or the first access to the Key Stage 2 Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Programme (Wider Opportunities).

Transport

Schools will not charge for:

- transport 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 provided in connection with an educational trip.

School will however request a voluntary contribution for transport if the activity is an optional extra (voluntary enrichment).

Remissions Policy

The Governing Body may remit (wholly or partly) any charge which would otherwise be payable to school in accordance with this charging policy.

(For example, a school may decide to provide an Italian language evening class as an optional extra. The governing body may decide to reduce the cost for those children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits).

Specific Set Fees (Please refer to individual policies for each area)

Parish Nursery – Fees Parish Nursery understands that the cost of registered childcare may seem expensive to a parent/carer. However, providing a high quality, safe and stimulating service for children is not cheap and to ensure the continued high standards and sustainability of the setting, it must ask that parents/carers respect its policy in respect of fees.

The level of fees is set by the Extended Schools Governor Sub Committee and reviewed annually in the light of the Nursery's financial position, its future strategic plans and any other broader economic or social considerations deemed relevant.

The fees for the financial year 2016-2017 are as follows: -

Breakfast Club £3.50 per session (provided by school)

Am/pm session £12 per session (unless in receipt of FEEE) Jan 2019

Lunch £3 per day

Am/pm wrap with lunch £14 per day Jan 2019

After School Club £4.50 per session (provided by school)

Should parents arrive late for their child; a cost of £5 per half hour will be incurred.

Parish 'Fun Zone' (Breakfast & After-school Club) Fees

The fees for the financial year 2018-19 are as follows: -

Breakfast Club-£3.50 per session (£17.50 per week)

After School Club-£4.50 per session (£22.50 per week)

Should parents arrive late for their child (i.e. beyond 5.30pm), a cost of £5 will be incurred, if the same child is collected late again within a 6 month period, the charge of two staffs wages for at least ½ an hour will be charged alongside consideration to the facility be removed by the SLT.

Payment is made for the place not for attendance to the club.

The parent will not be charge for their child's place if the club is closed or their child is ill and unable to attend school.

Parish University & Adventure Service Challenge Fees

We request that a stipulation for participation in this club is that pupils participate in a sponsored walk with the aim of raising £25 per family.

For all other activities within this club there is no charge.

Replacement of Reading Records & Homework Folders

In the event of loss of -or significant damage to- the above items, school will levy the following charges for their replacement:

- Reading Record - £3.00
- Homework Folder – 3.00
- Book Bags – No logo - £2
With Logo - £2.50

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