



Fingringhoe C of E
(VA) Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

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CHARGING & REMISSIONS

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition. We also request a voluntary contribution for swimming lessons.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. 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 allow the child to always participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit.

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

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- musical events.

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 and lodging and travel expenses. Pupils whose parents are in receipt of the support benefits may also be entitled to support with payments.

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 group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition each term.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in either Key Stage 1 or 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We request voluntary contributions to cover the cost of this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

Sports coaching

The school offers sports coaching after school at varying times during the academic year. A sports coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organizes these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions when they are held after school, but no charge is made during curriculum time.

Transport

We normally charge children if they are transported by coach or bus to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit. We often use parents and Governors to transport children to help keep costs down to a minimum.