



The Collaboration Of Middleham And Spennithorne CE Primary Schools

Charging and Remissions Policy

1. INTRODUCTION

All education during normal school hours is free. There will be no charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. Charges will be made for individual or group music tuition. The school will ensure that on no occasion where charges may be levied, as for example, for residential or other visits, any pupil is disadvantaged solely by their inability to pay.

2. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school will invite parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If insufficient voluntary contributions are received, it may be necessary to cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. These children will not be treated 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, the child will be allowed to participate fully in the trip or activity. It may be necessary for the school to pay the additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school will provide this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities which may be organised by the school and for which voluntary contributions from parents may be required. This list is not exhaustive:

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

The Head Teacher may seek voluntary contributions from parents for activities, in and out of school hours, which require additional resources. The contributions are genuinely voluntary, a parent's inability or unwillingness to pay does not prevent a child taking part in an activity. However, the Head Teacher may cancel the proposed activity if insufficient voluntary contributions are received. An example of the wording which could be used in correspondence to parents is as follows:

The cost of this trip will be £..... which covers the cost of coach and insurance. Under the terms of the 1988 Education Reform Act, the school is not allowed to make a charge for this activity, but we are permitted to ask for voluntary contributions. No child will be excluded if his/her parents do not wish to make this contribution. However, if sufficient voluntary contributions are not received, then regrettably the trip will not go ahead.

3. 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, there is no charge for the education. However, a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and a voluntary contribution for

transport and activity costs will be sought. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty, they are invited to discuss the matter in confidence with the head teacher.

For visits made out of school hours, a charge equivalent to the full cost of the visit will be made.

4. MUSIC TUITION

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. There is no 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. North Yorkshire County Council makes a charge for these lessons. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty, they are invited to discuss the matter with the head teacher.

3. SWIMMING

The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. However, we do ask for voluntary parental contributions towards the cost of transport.

5. DAMAGE AND BREAKAGES

The school may ask parents to pay for damage to school property or equipment where this is a result of a pupil's misbehaviour.

This policy will be updated in line with the school's policy review schedule.