



POTT SHRIGLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

‘Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you’

Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

The 1988 charging provisions act clarifies and amends existing law which prohibits most charges for activities which take place in school time. The act requires LAs and Governing Bodies to determine their policy on charging and on remissions within the framework of the legislation, and schools must draw up and maintain a written statement of their policy which must be available to parents on request.

Objectives

- The objectives of the charging provisions of the 1988 act are:
- To maintain the right to free school education
- To establish that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- To emphasise that there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education or related activity, but to give LAs and schools the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours
- To confirm the right of LAs and schools to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school, or in support of any activity organised by the school whether during or outside school hours.

Educational Visits

It is the aim of our school that educational visits should enhance the curriculum, enriching the children's knowledge and understanding or develop their sense of community and enhance spiritual development in line with our Christian Values – koinonia, compassion and respect.

Parents will be notified in a letter via email of the details and asked to make a voluntary contribution, worked out with a view to covering the complete cost, ie. Mini-bus fuel, insurance, entrance fees etc. No visit is profit making.

The law forbids any child to be refused permission to go on educational visits linked to curriculum entitlement. Even if parents do not contribute, it follows that **unless everyone does send their donation the visit may be have to be cancelled as we still have to pay the providers.** The final decision will rest with the Headteacher.

Any parent experiencing financial difficulties are most welcome to discuss the matter with the Headteacher so that an appropriate solution based on individual circumstances can be made. Contributions for entrance fees are refundable if a child is absent on the day of the visit.

School Meals

The school meals are excellent value, the choice is varied and substantial.

Children may bring a packed lunch in if they prefer.

Lunch money is paid online.

Charges for pupils in Early Years and KS1 are covered under the DFE's KS1 free school meal legislation.

Lettings and Community Activity

Please refer to the Village Hall committee for letting of the building.

Activities for which a charge maybe levied

1. Activities outside school hours including non-residential activities (i.e. multi sports activity clubs, tennis) but only if the majority of the time spent on that activity takes place outside school hours (time spent on travel counts in this calculation if the travel itself occurs during school hours).
2. Residential activities – Board and lodging costs (but only those costs) of residential trips deemed to take place during school time. However, pupils whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits may not be charged for board and lodging costs. Residential trips deemed to take place outside school time.
3. External Music tuition.
4. External sports tuition.

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This policy will be renewed every three years or sooner if significant changes are made to guidance and legislation.