



Ulceby St Nicholas C of E Primary School



Charging and Remissions Policy

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Next Review Date: September 2023

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Rationale

This charging and remissions policy has been compiled in line with DfE requirements and in accordance with Section 457 of the Education Act, 1996. We are aware that under the Education Reform Act 1988 that no charge can be made for education in school hours and that every child has the right to receive free school education.

We recognise the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, educational visits and residential experiences, can make towards pupils personal and social education.

It is our intention to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and as additional activities. All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

This policy is to ensure that there is consistency across the school in terms of charging for activities.

Voluntary contributions

When organising activities, 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 activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel an activity. If an activity 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 event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each activity is funded. The school provides this information on request. A specific budget is allocated each year to meet additional costs.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents.

- ✓ Visits to museums;
- ✓ Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- ✓ Outdoor adventure activities;
- ✓ Visits to the theatre;
- ✓ Curriculum linked school trips;
- ✓ Musical events;
- ✓ Residential visits.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children. These take place in school time and are part of the school's Curriculum. We make no charge for the swimming activity and we inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

After school clubs

The school offers a range of clubs after school. The majority of clubs are run by school staff and there is no charge to attend. Clubs are organised on a termly basis and parents will receive letters notifying them of availability and application to attend. Sometimes qualified sports coaches, who are not members of the school staff, run and organise these sessions. A small charge may need to be requested for such sessions.

Residential visits

For residential trips which are not essential to the National Curriculum or statutory RE, a charge will be levied up to the full cost of the trip and may include contingency and school administrative costs.

Parents can pay for trips through ParentPay.

Damage or loss of school property

A charge will be levied in respect of willful damage, neglect or loss of school property (or property belonging to a third party where the cost has been recharged to the school), including premises, furniture, equipment, books or materials. The charge will be the cost of replacement or repair, or such lower cost as the Head Teacher may decide.

Support for parents/carers

The Governing Body will:

- offer support to any parent/carer in paying for any activity for an individual pupil if they are experiencing financial difficulties
- look to offer financial support to enable pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding to take part in activities, visits and trips for which a charge may be levied
- maintain a school fund that may support parents/carers who are unable to pay voluntary contributions

Remissions

The Head Teacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may remit in full or part charges in respect of a pupil if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances. They may also decide not to levy charges in respect of a particular activity, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.

Raising awareness of the policy

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- the school starter pack
- the school website
- meetings with parents such as introductory, transition and parent-teacher consultations
- meetings with school personnel

Ensuring equality for all

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

There will be an annual review of this policy by the full Governing Body or sooner if the need arises.