Cherry Orchard Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

1. 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.

2. Voluntary contributions

2.1. 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 need to 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 child has paid for a trip but does not go, we will refund any part of the contribution that we have not paid out on request. We will also make a full refund in cases where the school is responsible for the non-attendance (e.g. school changes the date of a trip to one that the child can't do). Parents may also ask for a full refund on other occasions and such requests will be considered on their merits.

2.2. Children in receipt of pupil premium will not be asked for a voluntary contribution.

2.3. 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 do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

2.4. 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:

2.5. sporting activities which require transport expenses;
2.6. outdoor adventure activities;
2.7. visits to the theatre;
2.8. musical events;

3. Residential visits

3.1. 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 or travel expenses, but will ask for a voluntary contribution and make it plain that the trip will not go ahead without that contribution. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents whose children qualify for FSM are exempt from payment and children who qualify for Pupil Premium will receive a 100% subsidy.

4. Music tuition

4.1. All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2. 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 charge for these lessons. Parents whose children qualify for pupil premium are exempt from payment for one instrument but will have to pay for further instruments. The same arrangements will apply to sports clubs provided by Cherry Orchard.

5. Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for 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..

6. Mufti Day Charity Donations

Each year school council will decide which charities we will support through our mufti days. 50% of mufti days will be reserved for the benefit of the school.

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