



Birdsedge First School



Charges & Remissions Policy

Charging For School Activities

The Governors have produced a Charging and Remission Policy for Birdsedge First School based on the Education Act 1996 and The Education (School Sessions and Charges and Remissions Policies) (Information) (England) Regulations 1999. The guidelines provided here are based on Kirklees Council guidelines.

The basic principle of the 1996 Education Act provides a free education for our children within the limits set by the National Curriculum.

This includes: all activities inside School hours and on School premises; visits where half or more of the time is inside School hours; residential visits where the number of School time sessions outnumber the other half days.

Some valuable aspects of education; however; fall outside such limits and these include non-vocal music tuition that is not part of a public exam or the National Curriculum; activities wholly outside School hours; residential visits where the number of School sessions is less than the other half days. (Board and lodging may be charged for except where parents receive income support or family credit).

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including Clubs, visits and residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social education.

At Birdsedge First School, we aim to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the School and as optional activities.

However, such activities can only continue if parents are willing to make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of their child's involvement. We would point out; however; that no child will be excluded if a voluntary contribution is not made. Any case of financial hardship should be referred to the Headteacher, or Chair of Governors, in complete confidence.

It is possible that an activity might be cancelled should significant numbers of children not contribute the full or part costs of an activity.

There are areas of the curriculum we are allowed to charge for. If parents wish to receive items made by their children, they will be asked to pay for materials used (e.g. baking, sewing, DT etc). Ingredients will be provided for children who cannot pay, but the item will not be sent home.