



CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

This policy has been written to underpin our core values and priorities with particular reference to our Rights Respecting ethos.

Article 29 (goals of education)

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

1 Introduction

1.1 This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on [charging for school activities](#) and [the Education Act 1996](#), sections 449-462 of which set out the law on charging for school activities in England

1.2 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may 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.

2.2 The 1996 Education Act draws a distinction between the term 'charges' which are considered to be an obligatory cost and 'voluntary contributions' which are self-explanatory.

2.3 Subsidies from various sources e.g. School Fund, voluntary organisations, will be considered to cover deficits. Surplus finance will be used via school fund for the benefit of the children.

2.4 Whenever possible, the school will give sufficient notice to allow parent/carers to pay by instalments.

2.5 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.

2.6 The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips;
- musical events;
- Transport;
- Afterschool music lessons

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in 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. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging.

3.2 *Remissions for residential visits*

Parents who can prove they are in receipt of any of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of board and lodging for residential visits:

- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *The guaranteed element of Pension Credit*
- *Child Tax Credit (provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's annual gross income does not exceed £16,190)*
- *Working Tax Credit run-on (this is paid for 4 weeks after an individual stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)*
- *Universal Credit (if the application was made on or after 1 April 2018, the family's income must be less than £7,400 per year – after tax and not including any benefits)*

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this during normal school lessons. *There is an afterschool music lessons where there is no charge.*

5 Swimming

- 5.1 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 therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

6 Pre School/ Lunch time / After School Sport and Creative Activities

- 6.1 The school offers additional activities before school, after school and during lunch breaks. We reserve the right to make a small charge for these sessions.

Policy confirmed by the Governing Body of Crowcroft Park Primary School on: _____

Signature: _____ (Chair of Governors)

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