



# **Charging and Remissions Policy (STATUTORY)**

This policy is monitored for effectiveness by the headteacher and is reviewed annually, or where necessary in light of changes to the law or statutory guidance.

<p><b>Other Information:</b> See lettings document for additional information</p>	
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## **INTRODUCTION**

Educational experiences should be accessible to all our children. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the delivery of the National Curriculum in school. Ladybridge Primary School does, however, provide a range of activities in order to enrich children's learning.

## **Voluntary Contributions**

When organising school trips, visits or specialist speakers/workshops, which enrich the curriculum and 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, either the school will subsidise the trips and activities or they may be cancelled.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support activities. Parents have a right to know how each trip, visit or event is funded. The school provides this information on request.

Requests for refunds will be considered on an individual basis according to the circumstances and only when the school will not incur any costs.

Additional activities organised by the school include:

- visits to museums and theatres;
- sporting events;
- musical performances;
- visitors in school;
- outdoor adventure activities.

## **Residential Visits**

The school organises a residential visit which is to provide education directly related to outdoor and adventurous activities. This trip takes place from Monday to Friday. We make a charge to cover the costs of travel expenses, board and lodging.

## **Extra Curricular Clubs**

A wide range of clubs is offered after school, the vast majority of which are free. When a specialist teacher or qualified coach runs and organises these sessions a small charge will be made to cover the cost of the sessions.

## **Swimming Lessons**

The school also organises swimming lessons for children in KS2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity.

## **Music Lessons**

The School allows Bolton Music Service and 'Rocksteady' to undertake individual/small group tuition lessons during the school day. These lessons are separate to the music curriculum. These lessons are charged directly to the parent/carer by both companies.

## **CONCLUSION**

Charges are used only to cover the expenses of a trip, visit or activity, and not to make profit.