



Thriplow C of E Primary School

Member of the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust



Charging and Remissions Policy

Vision

You are the people of God: he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with kindness. Colossians 3:12

In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

At Thriplow Primary School our vision is to demonstrate God's love by 'clothing ourselves with kindness' and 'shining our light before others'. Every child is encouraged to strive for academic excellence and to make a difference in their own lives, in their families and in the communities we serve.

This policy was ratified:	February 2024
To be reviewed:	Every year
Reviewed:	September 2026
Will be reviewed again:	September 2027

Rationale for this Policy

At Thriplow Primary School,

We know that by law the school may not charge for any activity unless we have drawn up a statement of general policy on charging. This is such a document.

1 .Voluntary Contributions

Thriplow Primary School's Governing Body believe that when education is provided wholly or mainly during school hours it **should** be free. We accept this as a principle but in pragmatic terms we know that many activities currently provided in our school would not take place unless there were extra monies available for these events. The school budget and curriculum has to be managed imaginatively to provide for as many opportunities for learning as possible, in line with our school's aims. Therefore in accordance with the DFES guidance we accept that it is not possible to levy a **compulsory** charge for transport or admission costs for visits to museums etc. during school hours. These charges must be in the form of **voluntary contributions**.

At Thriplow Primary School we ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of some activities which take place during school hours. The contributions are genuinely voluntary and the pupils of parents who are unwilling or unable to contribute are not discriminated against. Where there are insufficient contributions to make an activity possible and there is no way to make up the shortfall the event/visit is cancelled.

2. Residential Visits

Parents of children in receipt of pupil premium will be given the opportunity to discuss their contribution towards the cost of any residential visits.

3. Instrumental Music Lessons

The law states that all education provided during school time must be free, an exception to this law is music lessons.

At Thriplow Primary School Instrument lessons are arranged and charged privately between parents and music tutors but can take place within school time.

4. Materials

The school may sometimes charge for materials or require them to be provided for cooking, design technology etc. if the parents have indicated in advance that they wish to own the finished product.

5. Swimming

Thriplow Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution of a wide range of different activities to suit various learning styles. We believe that every child in our school should have the opportunity to learn how to swim while a pupil at Thriplow Primary School. At present we aim to provide swimming lessons for those pupils in KS2 who are unable to swim 25 metres. Where possible the cost of pool hire and teaching will be met from the school budget. We may ask for contributions towards the cost of transport to the swimming pool.

6. Damage/Loss to Property

A charge will be levied in respect of wilful damage, neglect or loss of school property (including premises, furniture, equipment, books or materials), the charge to be the cost of replacement or repair, or such lower cost as the Headteacher may decide.

Remissions

If there are cases of short-term family hardship which make it difficult for pupils to take part in particular activities the school invites parents to apply in confidence to the Headteacher for remission of charges in part or in full. Authorisation of remission will be made by the Headteacher.