

Ashfield Valley Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy for School Activities

Introduction

The Governors recognise that education provided by the school for its registered pupils should be free of charge if it takes place wholly or mainly during school hours.

An essential element in the work of the school is the range of additional activities that are offered through post school clubs and trips. The Governors fully recognise the valuable contribution these make to the personal and social development of our pupils.

The Governors aim to promote, enhance and provide for such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and also as additional optional activities, fully recognising the voluntary contribution made to facilitating these by members of the school staff.

Charging

1. Activities outside school hours

The Governors will not exercise their right to charge for activities led by school staff outside school hours. Such activities might include sports practices and fixtures etc.

2. Charging in kind

The Governors will not make a charge for any ingredients or materials provided by them for pupils making articles, models etc arising from technology, art or any other curriculum area. The only exception will be a small payment for the cookery club.

3. Individual music tuition

The school does not at present offer individual or small group music tuition.

4. Residential trips

The school does not at present undertake any residential trips. Should such activities be proposed in future, the Governors will establish a policy for charging for this.

5. Educational visits/Special events

The Governors are anxious to enrich the school curriculum through educational visits out of school and through the provision of theatre/music performances or other such special events in school. They will make funds available to enable such visits to take place, but support will also be dependant on a satisfactory level of voluntary parental contributions being received.

The headteacher, in consultation with the teaching staff, should notify the parents of any proposed visits, and advise them of the appropriate level of voluntary contribution required. The headteacher should determine the financial viability of a visit following voluntary contributions from the parents, and inform the parents if the visit must be cancelled due to inadequate support.

No individual child will be refused the opportunity to participate because their parent is unable or unwilling to make a contribution towards costs.

6. Breakages, vandalism and damage

The Governors may ask parents to pay for damage to school property or equipment where this is a result of a pupil's behaviour.

Confirmation that the "Charging and Remissions Policy" in respect of Ashfield Valley Primary School has been discussed by the Finance committee on behalf of the Governing Body can be found in the minutes of committees and/or the full governing body.