



*At Ashfield Valley we care for and value every child in a nurturing, inclusive environment.*

*All members of our school community will work hard to ensure that every pupil achieves their full potential and has the opportunity to shine.*

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# Charging Policy

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# Charging and Remissions Policy

## Introduction

We 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.

### 1. School visits and trips

School trips and educational visits greatly enrich the curriculum and educational experience we offer our children.

Where such visits take place, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the visit. All contributions are voluntary.

Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support visits.

The head teacher, 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 head teacher should determine the financial viability of a visit following voluntary contributions from the parents, and inform the parents, if the visit has to be cancelled due to inadequate support.

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

### 2. Curriculum costs

School will generally not make a charge for any ingredients or materials provided by them for pupils making models etc arising from technology, art or any other curriculum area.

School may ask for contributions to fund visiting speakers or theatre visits to the school.

### 3. Music tuition

School pays for whole class musical instrument tuition from Years 3-5. We do not charge parents for this.

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, then Governors will establish a policy for charging for this.

### 5. Swimming

The school organises an intensive course of swimming lessons for all children in Year 5. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity.

### 6. Breakages, vandalism and damage

School may ask parents to pay for damage to school property or equipment where this is a result of a pupil's behaviour or if reading books are lost or damaged.

All information used in our policies is in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

## **7. School Clubs**

School offers clubs after school. We do not charge for these sessions. Regular sports clubs are run by an outside provider, and these are funded by school.

A small donation may be requested towards the cost of ingredients for cookery club.

## **8. Nursery**

Nursery payments above 15 hours are as follows:

£10 per day

£40 per week

This includes lunch.

## **9. Breakfast Club**

A breakfast club is run by school from 8am. The cost is £1.50 per day.