



Charging and Remissions Policy

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CHERRY GARDEN SCHOOL

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Introduction

Cherry Garden School is an inclusive school offering equality of opportunity to all pupils within the school. We aim to provide a broad and varied range of experiences for the pupils. This may include trips, visits and the use of visiting groups. The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities can make to a child's development.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips, activities or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents/carers to contribute to the cost. These contributions are to enable an activity to take place and enhance the children's education. They will cover the cost incurred and not make a profit. Parents/carers are under no obligation to make any contribution and pupils of parents/carers who do not contribute will not be discriminated against and will be included if the activity goes ahead.

Prohibition of Charges

The school is prohibited from charging for the following:

- Education provided during school hours or outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum
- Education provided on any trip as part of the National Curriculum
- Transporting pupils in connection with an educational trip

Charges

There is a charge for (no activities)

There are currently no charges for any extra curricular activities i.e music tuition, after school sports activities.

Residential Visits

A voluntary contribution may be made for the cost of board and lodging and the contribution will not exceed the actual cost of provision. Other expenses, including transport costs, are met by the school fund.

Breakages

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books or equipment on loan to pupils, the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Body may decide to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.

Remissions

The school may wish to reduce or remit charges to particular groups of pupils and may decide not to request voluntary contributions.

The school will make every effort to support a child's participation in an activity where parents/carers are undergoing financial difficulties. Individual cases should be discussed in complete confidence with the Headteacher.

For further information see [DFE advice - Charging for School Activities](#)