

WOODHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charging and Remissions for School Activities Policy

1 Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary Contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. Parents who receive certain state benefits (see para. 6) are exempt from payment.

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

2.3 The following is a list of activities organised by the school which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive.

- visits to museums
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- theatre visits
- school trips
- musical events
- specialist coaching

3. Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make a charge for the education expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel. Parents who receive certain state benefits (see para. 6) are exempt from payment.

4. Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of certain state benefits (see para. 6) are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5. Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity but ask for a modest contribution towards costs. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6. Remissions

Remission of costs for a chargeable activity will be made for children whose parent /carer is in receipt of certain state benefits. Remission of costs for other children will be considered upon written request to the Governing Body.

For further details of eligibility for remission of costs, reference should be made to DfES Guidance for Charging for School Activities - Revised January 2009. (Attached to this policy).

7. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed as part of the Policy Review Cycle schedule or earlier if appropriate.

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