



Charging & Remissions Policy

July 2018

COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Cotteridge School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

RATIONALE

The Governing Body of Cotteridge Primary School recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' education.

The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

CONTEXT

The law states that education provided during school hours must be free. This definition includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Authority or the School. No pupil may be left out of an activity because their parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind.

This policy has been written after considering the Department for Education document 'Charging for School Activities – May 2018'

AIMS

- To make school activities accessible to pupils regardless of family income.
- To provide a process which allows activities to take place at a minimum cost to parents, pupils and the school and;
- Which acknowledges the cost of such activities to the school's budget.

CHARGES

The governing body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school

Residential Activities Taking Place Largely During School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of board, lodging and transport.

Activities outside School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras that are not a necessary part of the national curriculum.

Individual Instrumental Tuition

The full cost to the pupil for providing any instrumental tuition if the cost is not an essential part of the national curriculum or examination syllabus.

Non Curricular Activities within School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras that are not a necessary part of the national curriculum.

***Note: In this policy the word "remissions" refers to a situation when charges may be reduced or waived.**

REMISSIONS*

There will be no obligation for any parent to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of school activities and to the School Fund. Pupils will not be treated differently whether or not their parents have made a contribution.

The Governing Body may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. The Headteacher in consultation with the Chairman of Governors will make authorisation for such remission. Parents who are in financial difficulty are encouraged to discuss this with the school.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary contributions may be requested from parents to cover the cost of the following activities:

Cost of materials, transport costs, entrance fees, school visits

The voluntary contribution will be collected in one sum of £20 at the start of the Autumn Term. This will cover the cost of all educational visits and experiences through the school year. School will graciously accept contributions that exceed this amount, if parents independently volunteer to overpay the suggested amount.

GENERAL

The Governing Body may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of additional activities, which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.

Date policy adopted by Governing Body: **9th July 2018**

Date of review: **Summer 2019**

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