



Sessay CE Primary School

Charging & Remissions Policy

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

Voluntary Contributions

The Headteacher or Governing Body may ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of:

- any activity which takes place during or after school hours
- school equipment

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 event. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the event. If an event goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

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.

Residential visits

Schools are permitted to charge for the cost of travel, board and lodging during residential school trips, even if they occur mainly during school time. This cost must not exceed the actual cost of the provision. Where the trip takes place wholly or mainly, during school hours, children whose parents are in receipt of free school lunch entitlement will also be entitled to the remission of the charge for board and lodging.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons through County Music Services and there is a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of certain state benefits may get help with payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time. We ask parents to make a voluntary payment for these lessons to cover the cost of specialist tuition and transport. 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. No child is excluded from these lessons because of an inability to pay.

Breakages and Lost or Damaged Books

Where a child's actions incur extra costs to the school, by breakage of equipment, damage to premises, loss or damage to text books or library books, parents will be invited to pay a contribution to cover the whole or part of the cost.

Extra Curricular Activities

The school will endeavour to offer the children a range of optional extra curricular activities to widen their experiences e.g. French club, art, netball, football, orienteering, multi sports clubs. If these are run through external providers there will usually be a charge. Parents may also be asked for payment for the clubs run by school staff in order to cover resources and equipment. Parents with financial difficulties whose children wish to participate will be invited to discuss individual needs with the Headteacher.