

Charging and Remissions Policy



A World of Learning Together

Rationale

The Governing Body of Clifton 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.

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;
- To acknowledge 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 and lodging. Parents have the right to claim free activities if they are in receipt of the following state benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Support under section VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1996
- Working tax credit and an annual income that does not exceed the published Inland Revenue threshold

Activities outside School Hours

After School Clubs are free of charge to all pupils. There is a £1.00 charge, per pupil, per day to access Breakfast Club.

Nursery

Parents who wish to access Nursery provision outside their child's 15 or 30 free hours, will be charged a rate of £5.00 per additional hour.

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.

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 Head Teacher in consultation with the Chairman of Governors will make authorisation for such remission.

Voluntary Contributions

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

- e.g. cost of materials, bus fares, entrance fees, school visitors etc

Premises Hire

See Lettings Policy. The rates for hiring out different areas will be agreed on case by case basis. We may decide that certain organisations or activities can use the premises for a reduced rate, or free of charge, if it supports the core aims of the school.

We may decide to impose an additional cleaning or caretaking fee on top of the hiring rates.

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.