



Sutton-on-Trent Primary and Nursery School

Charging and Remissions Policy

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General Principles

The School Governing Body like the Local Authority is committed to the general principle of free education. In determining the charging and remissions policies which are set out in this document the Governors are mindful of the policy statement produced by the Nottinghamshire Education Committee and have also taken account of the Committee's Entitlement Curriculum.

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities, including school visits, residential experiences and clubs, can make towards all aspects of pupil's education. The Governing Body would accordingly wish to promote and provide as far as possible such activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the benefit of pupils of the school.

Charges

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge for the following activities, which may from time to time be organised by Sutton-On-Trent Primary and Nursery School.

Residential Activities held during school hours

Charges may be made for the board and lodging element of those residential activities that take place during school hours. Parents will be notified in advance of any such activities that the school proposes to organise and the estimated cost. Parental consent will be obtained for their child's participation in any such activities for which a charge may be made.

Any charge for a particular activity will be calculated by reference to the actual cost of providing the board and lodging for each pupil; no other costs will be covered by the charge. Any remission arrangements for such activities will be at the discretion of the Governing Body **EXCEPT** in the circumstances described below.

Activities held outside school hours

The school will endeavour to provide a range of such activities from time to time. These will sometimes include day and residential experiences, and are known generally as 'optional extras'. Charges may be made for these activities **EXCEPT** where they are provided to fulfill any requirements specified in the syllabus of a prescribed public examination or are required in order to fulfill statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education in which case they are not regarded as optional extras as such and charges cannot be made. (Board and lodging charges may still however be made for any residential activities subject to the remission arrangements described below).

Parents will be notified in advance of any 'optional extras' that the school proposes to organise and the estimated cost. Parental consent will be obtained if their children are to participate in any activities for which a charge may be made.

Any charge for a particular activity will be dependent upon the type of activity and its cost and number of participants. This charge will not exceed the actual cost of providing the activity, divided equally by the number of pupils willing to participate. The cost of other pupils participating in the visit will not be included in the charge. The charge will however include an appropriate element for such things as:

- The pupils travel costs

- The pupils board and lodging costs
- Materials, books, instruments and other equipment
- Non-teaching staff costs
- Entrance fees to museums, castles, theatres etc.
- Insurance costs

Any remission arrangements for such activities will be at the discretion of the Governing Body, **EXCEPT** in the circumstances described below. ^[11]_[SEP]

Materials and Ingredients

A charge will only be made for any materials and ingredients relating to activities taking place during school hours where parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product e.g. home economics or DT.

Remissions

Where the parents of a pupil are in receipt of Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or a Disability Working Allowance, the Governing Body will remit in full the cost of board or lodging for any residential activity the school organises for the pupil if the activity:

- Takes place within school hours
- Forms part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or fulfills statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or religious education, irrespective of whether the activity takes place within or outside school hours.

Any other remission arrangements for a particular activity or pupil will be entirely at the discretion of the School Governing Body. Any subsidy provided by the Governing Body will be met from funds at its disposal. ^[11]_[SEP]

Voluntary Contributions ^[11]_[SEP]

Nothing in this policy statement precludes the School Governing Body from inviting parents to make voluntary contributions for the benefit of school or in support of any school activity, whether during or outside school hours. Any contributions sought will be entirely voluntary and pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents make contribution in response to an invitation. ^[11]_[SEP]

Breakages and Damage to School Property ^[11]_[SEP] The School Governing Body reserves the right to seek reparation from parents where their children cause breakages or damage to school property. ^[11]_[SEP]

