

Learning Together for Life

Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you' John 15:12, New Testament ('Injil')

Stepney Greencoat

Church of England Primary School



Charging and Remissions Policy

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This policy outlines the schools approach to charging and remissions.

PUPILS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND TERM-TIME:

The Governing Body's Policy on charging for activities will aim to ensure that no child is excluded from an activity because of the inability or unwillingness to pay on the part of the parent or carer.

Those activities for which a charge may be made are governed by the Education Reform Act 1988 and laid down in the DFE Circular 2/89.

Education wholly or mainly within school hours will be provided free of charge. All children are entitled to good quality first teaching and as required appropriate interventions to support with academic and emotional / behaviour needs.

The exception to this is the provision of individual tuition, for example music tuition, which is not a part of the normal delivery of the curriculum. Parents and carers may be asked to contribute in part or wholly to the cost of individual tuition and also may have to provide, or contribute to the cost of, equipment, such as musical instruments, music scores and associated items. If a particular activity is limited to a specific number of pupils, the inclusion of pupils must not make reference to the ability or willingness to pay on behalf of the parent or carer.

A charge may be made for activities which take place partly or wholly outside school hours. Out of school activities will be organised to supplement and support formal learning in curriculum areas and to provide further experiences to enable children to develop their full potential.

Equipment:

The School cannot require a pupil, parent or carer to pay for books and materials for use in connection with education provided within school hours. Parents or carers may be invited to provide or buy particular items on a voluntary basis e.g. book bags, Bible etc. but if unable or unwilling to comply no child will be disadvantaged.

Clothing:

The above does not apply to the official School Uniform, but the School, will use its discretionary powers to assist where able. This may be in the form of an LA Clothing Grant, where their criteria are met and if such a grant is available. In exceptional circumstances assistance may be given by the use of the School's voluntary funds. The School will supply essential protective clothing when necessary, e.g. safety goggles.

School Journey:

The School will charge only for board and lodging for those pupils involved in residential journeys, in line with sections 29-35 of DFE Circular 2/89. In addition, voluntary contributions may be requested to cover the cost of travel. All other costs of the School Journey will be borne by the School as the residential journey is a part of the school curriculum and is taking place in term time.

The Governing Body may at its discretion, and on recommendation of the Head teacher, remit part or all of the charge for a School Journey.

Day Educational Visits:

Parents and carers will be asked for a voluntary contribution towards 50% of the total cost of day visits arranged for individual classes. However no child will be prevented from taking part in the outing because parents are unwilling or unable to pay. However it may happen that without sufficient contributions the activity may have to be cancelled. This will be made clear to parents in the letter advising details of the activity.

Educational Theatre Visits: Parents and carers will be asked for a voluntary contribution towards 50% of the total cost of theatre visits and similar activities arranged for individual classes. However no child will be prevented from taking part in the outing because parents are unwilling or unable to pay. But it may happen that without sufficient contributions the activity may have to be cancelled. This will be made clear to parents in the letter advising details of the activity.

Ingredients & Materials for Practical Subjects:

Normally all ingredients and materials will be provided by the School. However in cases where a child wishes to retain the finished produce, a small charge can be made.

Damage or Loss of Equipment:

A charge may be made for damage or loss caused by a pupil. This will be at the discretion of the Head teacher.

Examination Fees: Pupils are not charged for exams, including awards for swimming and sport, for which they are prepared in school. The school reserves the right to charge parents if a pupil is withdrawn or fails to attend an examination without good reason.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND EXTENDED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The school offers a Breakfast and After School provision which is chargeable. Free of charge places are not available as part of this provision.

The school also, throughout the year, offers free of charge after school clubs and booster sessions. These sessions may be targeted to specific pupils or year groups or may be open to all pupils.