



CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

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Introduction

The Governors recognise the valuable contribution that the wider range of additional activities including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' education. As part of their work towards upholding the school's aims the Governors wish 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.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits that enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute towards the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If parents wish their children to take part in a school trip or event, but are unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we still allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school or FONSS 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.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- musical events
- theatre events or visiting artist/specialists

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and ask for a contribution towards the cost of the transport.

Individual Music Tuition

Pupils taking music lessons with the County Music Service or any other private tuition provider will pay the full cost of the individual tuition.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in the school during the Spring term. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask for voluntary contributions to cover the cost of the lessons and the transport.

Extended School Provision

Pupils attending the extended school provision will pay the full cost for the service. Fees are reviewed and set twice a year -at the start of the financial year and at the start of the curriculum year. Fees for 2013-2014 are:

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| • Wake up and Shake up 7.45-8.45 | £4 |
| • Wake up and Shake up 8.45-8.45 | £2 |
| • Stay and Play 1 hour | £4 |
| • Stay and play 2 hours | £8 |
| • Stay and Play Friday 3.30-5 | £6 |
| • After School Club and stay and play to 5.30pm | £6 |
| • After School Club | £2 |

Full payment policy for the extended schools facility is stipulated within the Extended School Policy.

General

The Governing Body from time to time may 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 will 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 that the parents of that child have not made a voluntary contribution.

Remissions

Where the parents of a pupil have been approved as eligible for the 'Free School Meals' the following remissions apply:

- No charge for residential visits to NYCC owned centres; the charges are paid by NYCC.

Most payments can be made online using ParentPay, or parents can pay by cash or cheque to the School Office.