



Sandal Castle Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

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 provided by Wakefield Music Service.

Voluntary contributions for activities as part of the Curriculum

When organising school trips, visits or workshop activities which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may need to cancel the activity.

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, the child is still allowed to participate fully in the trip or activity as long as parental consent has been given.

If appropriate and funds allow, the school or the Taylor Scholey Trust may pay a proportion of the costs in order to support a visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the school curriculum and learn to play a wide variety of instruments as part of this entitlement; recorder, keyboard, brass, samba, ukulele - we do not charge for this and feel that it is an entitlement for all children to access a high quality extended school's curriculum and out of school hours learning; Philosophy and Values statement.

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The charge for the Wider Opportunities programme is paid directly from the school into a service level agreement with Wakefield Music Service to teach individuals or small group lessons on the school site. Parents pay directly to Wakefield Music Service for individual tuition.

We give parents information about additional music tuition regularly throughout the year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all year groups – every child in KS1 and KS2. Lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. Swimming lessons take place on the school site and are led by school staff.

Optional Extra Activities

(Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours and are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to Religious Education)

We value the opportunity to offer a wide range of sporting out of school hours learning and do not charge for any after school club.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- music tuition by peripatetic music teachers employed by Wakefield Music Service
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- outdoor adventure activities eg Residential visits per KS2 year group
- visits to the theatre, museums, nature parks;
- musical events eg Lion King

Activities not run by the School or Local Authority

When an organisation acting independently of the school or Local Authority arranges an activity to take place during school hours and parents want their children to join the activity, such organisation may charge parents.

Residential Visits

The school organises an annual residential visit for each year group. The cost of this trip includes board & lodging, transport, materials, entrance to any sites visited and charges for any activities to be experienced.

The cost of this trip will be based on travel costs, entrance to sites, materials and charges for activities experienced.

Parents will be given the option of a payment plan to spread the costs of the residential visit.

Charging in Kind

The cost of ingredients, materials, equipment, etc, needed for practical subjects, such as food technology or DT, is budgeted for and borne by the school

Breakages & Fines

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item such as:

- broken windows
- defaced, damaged or lost text books
- replacement reading books
- any item damaged as a result of unsatisfactory pupil behaviour

Special Needs

The governing body confirms that no pupil with special needs or disabilities will be treated any differently than any other pupil.

Review

There will be an annual review of this policy by the full governing body.
