



Charges & Remissions Policy

Charging For School Activities

The Governors have produced a Charging and Remission Policy for Forest-of-Teesdale Primary School based on the Education Act 1996 and The Education (School Sessions and Charges and Remissions Policies) (Information) (England) Regulations 1999. The basic principle of the 1996 Education Act provides a free education for our children within the limits set by the National Curriculum.

This includes: **all activities inside school hours and on school premises; visits where half or more of the time is inside school hours; residential visits where the number of School time sessions outnumber the other half days.**

Some valuable aspects of education; however; fall outside such limits and these include *non-vocal music tuition that is not part of a public exam or the National Curriculum; activities wholly outside School hours; residential visits where the number of School sessions is less than the other half days. (Board and lodging may be charged for except where parents receive particular state benefits).*

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, visits and residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social education. At Forest-of-Teesdale Primary School, we aim to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as optional activities. However, such activities can only continue if parents are willing to make a *voluntary contribution* to cover the cost of their child's involvement where necessary. We would point out; however; that *no child will be excluded if a voluntary contribution is not made.* Any case of financial hardship should be referred to the Head teacher, in complete confidence.

It is possible that an activity might be cancelled should significant numbers of children not contribute the full or part costs of an activity although we will try our utmost to ensure funding can be sourced. There are areas of the curriculum we are allowed to charge for. If parents wish to receive items made by their children, they *may be* asked to pay for materials used (e.g. baking and sewing, DT, art etc). Ingredients will be provided for children who cannot pay, but the item *may not* be sent home.

Music Tuition

The costs associated with music tuition, which is available within the school, fall under the guidelines of the DCC Music Service. In most cases charges will be made.

Deliberate Damage

Damage to books, equipment or fabric of the building is unacceptable and offenders are expected to make good the cost of such damage.

Historically the Governing Body has requested that where possible, funding allows all children throughout school to receive free milk daily. Every child upon entry receives a free book bag and PE Bag.

Acting Head Teacher Signature	
Chair of Governors Signature	
Date	
Review Date	

