



Sea View Community Primary School

Charges and Remissions Policy

UNCRC

We are a Rights Respecting School and pay due regard to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in all our working practices. We consistently reference and remind our children of the articles and the importance of the convention. We use the convention to promote a positive behaviour ethos across the whole school community. The articles linking to this policy are: A2, A3, A12, A15, A19, A22, A26, A28, A29 and A31

Equality Statement

At Sea View Community Primary School, we are committed to ensuring equality of opportunity for all pupils, staff, parents and carers irrespective of race and nationality, gender, gender identity, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marriage, age or socio-economic background. We aim to develop a culture of inclusion and diversity in which all those connected to the school feel proud of their identity and ability to participate fully in school life.

We tackle discrimination through the positive promotion of equality, by challenging bullying and stereotypes and by creating an environment which champions respect for all.

At Sea View Community Primary School, we believe that diversity is a strength which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach and visit us.

The school has a full and separate Equality Policy. Please consult this for further details.

Charges and Remissions for Schools

In accordance with statutory requirements, the LA must have a remissions policy to assist eligible pupils in their attendance on school visits/activities which are curriculum related.

Residential School Trips

A charge will be made for accommodation and food costs for any residential school trip involving an overnight stay which is arranged for registered pupils at any maintained school, by or on behalf of, the governing body or the LA.

The charge will be the actual cost of provision for the pupil concerned or any lesser charge as may from time to time be determined by the LA.

Schools are legally required to have in place a policy for the complete remission of any charges that would otherwise be payable in respect of accommodation and food provided for certain pupils on residential trips.

Eligibility for remission

Parents in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to remission of/ reduced charges for any agreed residential school course or camp/activity. The residential course must be a necessary part of the Curriculum or agreed syllabus for RE or form part of the syllabus for a prescribed examination for which the school is preparing the pupil. The school will notify parents of any entitlements.

Optional Out of School Activities

A charge may be made for optional activities arranged by the school/LA which take place outside school hours, where the activities are not a necessary part of the Curriculum or agreed syllabus for RE and do not form part of the syllabus for a prescribed examination for which the school is preparing the pupil.

The charge made will be the actual cost of the activity, including any necessary costs of supervision, divided by the number of participating pupils, or a smaller amount as may be determined.

Voluntary Contributions

The Headteacher or governing body may ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of:

- Any activity which takes place during school hours
- School equipment / resources

Voluntary contributions in cash or in kind may be made by parents, on the clear understanding that willingness to contribute by an individual parent shall not be taken into consideration when giving pupils access to school visits/activities.

The contribution must be genuinely voluntary and the pupils and parents who are unable, or unwilling to contribute must not be discriminated against. It can be made clear to parents that the activity may need to be cancelled if there are not enough voluntary contributions and there is no way to make up the short fall.

Incidental Transport

Where a pupil travels from home to a sanctioned activity, not provided by the LA or school (e.g. for work experience), the parent will be required to pay the costs of transport in full where the activity is less than 3 miles from home. The LA will cover the cost of school transport where the activity is in excess of three miles from the pupil's home.

For further information on school transport please see the LA's Home to School Transport policy.

Public Examinations

The cost of entering a pupil for public examinations will be charged to the parent only if:

- The exam is not one prescribed
- Where the school has not prepared the candidate for that entry
- A pupil misses a public examination for which he/she has been entered without a valid medical reason

Music Tuition

The cost of tuition in playing a musical instrument for an individual or group of four pupils or less, will be charged to the parent if it the tuition does not form part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or is required by the Curriculum.

Ingredients/Materials

A charge may be made for ingredients/materials for practical subjects where parents indicate that they or the child wish to own the finished product.

Damage to Equipment

Parents may be asked to contribute towards damage to or loss of equipment caused by pupil's behaviour.

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