



## Policy: Charging and Remissions Policy

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## **Barrington C.E. Primary School Charging and Remission Policy**

### **1 Introduction**

**1.1** 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.

### **2 Voluntary contributions**

**2.1** When organising school trips or visits, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to 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.

**2.2** 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, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school 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.

**2.3** The following is a list of additional activities organized 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;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips;
- musical events.

### **3 Residential visits**

**3.1** 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 invite parents to contribute to the cost of the trip, for the education or travel expenses, as in **2.1** above. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who receive specified state benefits are exempt from payment.

**3.2** Friends of Barrington School and local charitable groups can provide funds annually to support those pupils who might not otherwise be able to finance school visits and journeys. This support is provided at the discretion of the Headteacher and remains confidential.

#### **4 Music tuition**

**4.1** All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

**4.2** There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of specified state benefits are exempt from payment. CIMA gives parents information about additional music tuition during the summer term in preparation for the new academic year.

#### **5 Swimming**

**5.1** The school organises swimming lessons for all pupils. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. However, we do ask for a contribution towards the travelling expenses.

Parents in receipt of specified state benefits are exempt from payment. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

#### **6 After School Clubs**

**6.1** The school offers additional sports coaching after school such as gymnastics, football and drama. These are run independently from the school run and a charge is made for these sessions.