



Christ Church C.E.(VC) Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy 2020/2021

'Life in all its fullness'

John 10:10

Our Vision is for our children to experience 'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). Following the Christian inspiration of Jesus, our children will flourish and enable others to grow. Our school will be a place where aspiration and hope enable the growth of knowledge, wisdom and skills. Our children will feel good about themselves, enjoy learning and achieving and become positive members of the community.

This policy takes guidance from the DFE Policy ['Charging for School Activities'](#)

Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996 set out the law on charging for school activities in schools maintained by local authorities in England.

Voluntary Contributions

From time to time the School will invite parents and others to make voluntary contributions to enable the provision of activities and visits which may not otherwise be possible. The Governing Body or Headteacher will make it clear to parents that there is no obligation to make any contribution.

Curriculum Activities

Activities during normal school hours and/or within the National Curriculum may include visits to museums and galleries, theatre visits, music or sporting events, outdoor centres or education centres. The costs of visits may vary and may take into account transport costs.

No student will be excluded from an activity because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay. However, if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a visit, it may not go ahead and staff organising visits will make this clear to parents.

Staff organising a trip will make it clear to parents at the outset what their policy for allocating places on the visit will be.

Optional Extras

Activities outside of normal lesson times and not within the National Curriculum (for example residential trips) are classed as 'optional extras'. Parents may be asked to meet the full cost of these activities.

It is intended that school-based extra-curricular activities should be free or very low cost.

In the case of residential experiences, every effort will be made to offer value for money but the cost might be quite high. The school will do its best to offer assistance or remission of some charges in certain circumstances, for example where children are in receipt of Pupil Premium. Parents/carers are invited to speak to the headteacher in confidence if they are experiencing difficulties in meeting the cost of these trips.



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Music Tuition

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition which is charged by NYCC but this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. NYCC make a charge for these lessons but not the school. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty, they are invited to speak or write to the head teacher in confidence. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium are entitled to free group music tuition.

Damage to school property

Parents may be charged for some or all of the cost of damage to school property where this has been intentional. Parents may be expected to meet some or all of the cost for replacing lost or damaged books or equipment.

Wrap Around Care

There is a charge for Breakfast Club and Kool Kidz after school care club. This is to cover the costs of staffing, food and resources. Information regarding these care clubs can be found on the school website and is available from the school office.

Parents/carers wishing to use this facility can book places for their children through the school office.

After School Clubs

We run a range of extra-curricular after school clubs. Some of these clubs are run by school staff and there is no charge for these clubs. Some are run by local or specialist providers and there will be a charge for these clubs.

Booking sheets are sent home each half term and include details about the range of clubs, dates and cost. The school may be able to offer some assistance to meet these costs certain circumstances, for example where children are in receipt of Pupil Premium.

Policy Date: 2020/2021

This policy is reviewed annually by the Governing Body