

CHRIST CHURCH CofE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL AND
NURSERY

Charging and Remissions Policy



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Statement of Policy

The governors and headteacher will ensure that all children have access to all areas of the life of the school, regardless of the parents'/carers' ability to pay.

During School Hours

In the event of activities organised by the school during school hours, parents may be expected to pay for the following:

- individual or group music tuition
- the board and lodging element of all residential visits
- activities arranged by a third party such as a travel agent or tour company.

Outside School Hours

Charges may not be made for any activity which is required by the National Curriculum or to fulfil statutory duties relating to Religious Education. Charges may however be made for optional courses or activities which fall wholly or mainly outside school hours. Charges made for such activities may include an element for:

- pupils' travel costs
- pupils' board and lodging costs
- materials, books, instruments or other equipment
- non-teaching staff
- entrance fees to museums, theatres etc
- insurance costs.

Voluntary Contributions

Where the school cannot levy charges, and it is not possible to make these additional activities available within the resources ordinarily available to the school, the school may request or invite parents to make a contribution towards the cost of the trip/activities. Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request or invitation. However, where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the trip/activity possible, then it will have to be cancelled.

Remissions

Pupils whose parents/carers receive benefit may be entitled to remission of charges. The headteacher and governors will consider sympathetically cases of genuine need seeking help with these charges and will endeavour to remit those they feel are necessary from the school's budget or an alternative source. Any discussions with parents, or decisions made, will be confidential. The Headteacher, Resources Committee or Governing Body may decide not to levy charges in respect of a particular activity, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.