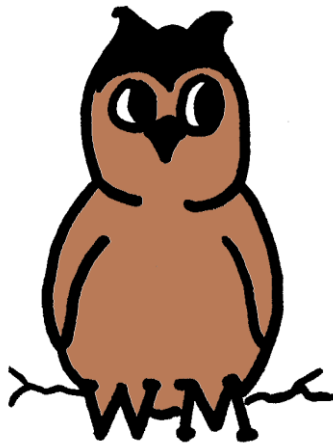


White Mere Community Primary School



Charging & Remissions Policy

October 2024

Policy Monitoring & Ratification

Policy Name:	Charging and Remissions Policy
Responsible Committee:	Finance & Staffing Committee
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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 organised by the school which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are often part of an essential learning experience as an extension of the curriculum covered by the children and some are special visits to recognize effort (for example a celebration visit for Year 6 leaving school in the summer time).

This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums, theatres, cinemas and galleries;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- musical events

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit parents are expected to fund the visit.

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. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. Parents eligible for means tested free school meals are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Sport & After School Activity Clubs

6.1 The school offers after school activities e.g. sport coaching/art/cookery etc. Charges are made for these sessions to cover additional costs if they require specialized resources or hire of outside agencies are needed such as specialist sports coaches.