



Beaumont Primary School

Charging and Remissions:2023/2024

Rationale

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, practical activities, trips and residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social education. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

Charging Policy

Any charges made by the school must meet the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1996. The governors endorse the guiding principles contained in the Act, in particular that no child should have his/her access to the curriculum limited by charges.

Charges

Charges will not be made for any activities which form part of the National Curriculum requirements. No charge can be made for education during school hours.

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school.

Activities outside school hours

The full cost to each pupil of any activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours. This includes residential visits, a charge will be made for the cost of board, lodging and travel costs (subject to statutory exceptions) the cost will not exceed the actual cost of provision.

Extra-curricular activities run by the school staff are offered free of charge to the children. However, there are occasions when activities run by private providers are offered and these may incur a cost. These activities are available as part of our provision of wider opportunities but there is no obligation on the part of parents to take up opportunities offered. Children who are Looked After/Recently Looked After or are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding who wish to participate in non-residential, charged activities are entitled to free or part-funded fees.

External Paid Extra Curricular Clubs

Children who are Looked After/Recently Looked After or are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding who wish to take part in any paid extracurricular clubs or activities are offered at least 50% contribution towards payment.

Individual/Group Instrumental Tuition

Instrument Tuition is now provided by the Music Service under the Music Direct scheme and all charges/costs are dealt with directly with the Music Service. Children who are Looked After/Recently Looked After or are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding who wish to have instrumental tuition are offered at least 50% contribution towards group lessons.

Charging in Kind

The cost of materials, ingredients (or provision of them by parents) for practical subjects if the parents have indicated in advance that they wish to own the finished product.

Voluntary Contributions

The Governing Body may ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of any activity that takes place during school hours. Parents are under no obligation to make any contribution and pupils of parents who are unable or unwilling to contribute will not be discriminated against. The contributions will not exceed the actual cost. In the event of insufficient voluntary contributions being made the activity will have to be cancelled and refunds will be given.

Breakages

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books or equipment on loan to pupils, the Headteacher, and in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Body where items/damage exceeds £25.00, will make a charge to parents. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.

Photocopying

The costs of reproducing policies and other documents under the Freedom of Information Act will be charged at cost price.

General

The Governing Body may, from time to time amend the categories for which a charge may be made. The Governing Body reserve the right to review the Charging and Remissions Policy as necessary.

Also, see information on charging/remissions for school activities within the School Pupil Premium statement and the Bolton Local Authority Admissions Booklet.

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