

Bernard Gilpin Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

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

Voluntary contributions for activities as part of the curriculum

When organising educational visits during school time which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If a parent wishes their child take part in an educational visit but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, the child is still allowed to participate fully in the visit as long as parental consent has been given.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum, we do not charge for this. There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the curriculum. We give parents/carers information about additional music tuition at the start of every term.

Optional extra activities

(Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours and are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to Religious Education).

It is the Governing Body's policy to charge for such activities organised by the school. The basis for calculating the charge will be proportionate for each pupil for travel, board and lodging, materials, equipment, entrance fees etc. The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which may require contributions from parents:

- Outdoor adventure activities/residential such as Derwent Hill residential
- Visits to the theatre
- School residential

Clubs

We give parents/carers information about clubs at the start of every term.

Residential visits

The school organises residential visits for specific year groups. The cost of the residential may include board and lodging, transport, materials, entrances and charges for any activities to be experienced. Contributions for these residential visits are requested from parents/carers.

Lettings

The Governing Body of the school wishes to make every reasonable effort to facilitate the use of the school by the community as a whole and as such may agree to let parts of the school (main hall, Living Room and football pitches) to parties other than the school. Charges apply and these are agreed by the Governing Body. The Lettings policy and its attached relevant documentation will be completed.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

There will be an annual review of this policy by the Premises and Finance committee of the Governing Body on an annual basis.

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