

Great Smeaton Academy Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

1 Introduction

- ✚ All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary Contributions

- ✚ When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school asks parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip.
- ✚ The 1988 Education Act draws a distinction between the term `charges` which are considered to be an obligatory cost and `voluntary contributions` which are self-explanatory.
- ✚ Subsidies from various sources e.g. School Fund, FROGS, voluntary organisations, will be considered to cover deficits. Pupil Premium funding will be used appropriately to support children where necessary and where it contributes to their learning.
- ✚ Whenever possible, the school will give sufficient notice to allow parent/carers to pay by instalments.
- ✚ 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 take each case individually and discuss circumstances with parents. 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.
- ✚ The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which may require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as `optional extras`. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips;
- musical events.
- transport

3 Residential visits

- ✚ If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents of children who receive free school meals are offered the option to make a reduced payment.

4 Music tuition

All children learn music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4 Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Class One and those who are not able to confidently swim 25 metres by Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We, therefore, make no charge for this activity, but ask for a contribution to cover transport to and from the venue.

We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part.

5 Lunch time / After School Sport and Creative Activities

6 The school offers additional activities after school and during lunch breaks. We reserve the right to make a small charge for these sessions.