



Cockfield Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

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.

Voluntary contributions

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.

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.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to the theatre
- Musical events

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly 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. For parents who receive state benefits the cost of the visit will be subsidised.

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 National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. For parents who receive state benefits there will be no charge.

Swimming

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.

Football/After School Clubs

The school offers additional football coaching after school. A qualified FA coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.

The school offers a range of after school clubs each week. There is a small charge per child for each session. Being a small school, we often need to subsidise these clubs, but we are happy to do so.

School Travel

We may invite parents to contribute towards the cost of transport if children are transported to an extra-curricular activity. The school will normally pay the bulk of the costs. We use these charges only to offset the expenses of the trip, not to make a profit.

If parents cannot make the full contribution due to financial restraints, or their children are entitled to Free School Meals please contact the school Office. Please do not assume your child would not be able to go if you are unable to contribute the full amount requested.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available Monday to Friday and the daily cost is £1 per day. The cost is subsidised for parents who receive state benefits – children will in this case pay 80p.

