

New Park Primary Academy Charging and Remissions Policy

At New Park we offer a rich and varied curriculum with children experiencing stimulating events, planned within each year group. During your child's education he/she will have the opportunity to go on school visits, to participate in theatre excursions, to learn from experts visiting the school and benefit from curriculum enrichment opportunities within the school. We believe that these activities are of great value to the children and are a vital part of their education and learning. This policy has been written with reference to the Department for Education guidance: Charging for School Activities, May 2018

Teaching and Learning

All activities that are a necessary part of the National Curriculum, including religious education will be provided free of charge. This includes materials, equipment, books and stationery.

Optional extras

Some extra-curricular activities will incur charges: these include:

- Breakfast club
- Some after-school clubs
- Transport outside of the school day
- Family learning days
- Residential visits (food and accommodation)
- Individual music tuition

Voluntary contributions

For some activities, the school may request voluntary contributions from parents and carers. These may include:

- Transport and entry fees for a school trip
- Costs for visiting speakers/workshops within school
- Curriculum enrichment activities
- Swimming lessons beyond the national curriculum entitlement

The cost per pupil will be based on actual costs and the school does not make a profit. No child will be prevented from participating because his/her parents do not make a contribution. If insufficient contributions are raised, visits and events may be cancelled.

Education partly during the school day

If an activity occurs partly inside the school day and partly outside of it, there will be no charge if most of the time to be spent on the activity falls within the school day. Conversely, if the larger proportion of time spent falls outside of the normal school day, charges may be made. When such activities are arranged parents will be told how the charges are calculated. Charges will only be made for activities which are not part of the National Curriculum.

Remissions

For parents whose children are in receipt of free school meals, or whose children are eligible for pupil premium funding, the school may be able to contribute towards the cost of:

- School trips, visits and curriculum enrichment activities that occur within the school day

- Breakfast and after school clubs

Residential Visits

The costs of food and accommodation will be covered by the school for parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit in prescribed circumstances;
- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance;
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190;
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
- An income related employment and support allowance

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