



Tweedmouth West First School

Charging and Remissions Policy – September 2018

Introduction

In accordance with Section 450 – 461 of the Education Act 1996, during school hours, all education is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

However, we do recognise the valuable contribution that a wide range of additional activities can make towards the personal and social education of the children.

Therefore, for some activities, we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents.

Voluntary contributions

In order to provide a broad, balanced and creative curriculum, we offer some activities which need voluntary contributions from parents eg. to cover the cost of transport.

If we do not receive sufficient funds in this way, we may have to cancel the activity.

If a parent is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, the child still participates fully.

The following are examples of such activities:-

- Visits to museums/galleries
- Sports activities which require transport
- Visits to or by theatre companies
- Musical activities
- Workshops led by external providers

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the National Curriculum.

Some children receive additional instrument tuition, provided by a specialist tutor, and there is an additional charge for this.

Swimming

The school organise swimming lessons for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These take place during school hours, and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of tuition at the swimming pool, and for transport costs.



After school clubs

The school offers a wide variety of after school activities, some involving extra resources or facilitators. We ask for a small contribution for these activities.

Transport

Due to the isolated location of Berwick, transport costs can be high when taking the children on visits. We ask a voluntary contribution to cover these costs.

We have some members of staff who are minibus trained, so that we can sometimes make savings in this area.

Breakfast Club

We make a small charge for Breakfast Club) to cover the cost of staffing and supplies. However, we do not charge Pupil Premium children,

Remissions

The school will give consideration to the remission of charges to parents or carers who receive support payment such as:-

- Income Support

- Income based Job-seekers Allowance

- Child Tax Credit (where the person is not receiving Working Tax Credit as well)

- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit

- Income related employment and support allowance

Parents who are eligible for the remission of charges will be dealt with confidentially.

The Headteacher and chair of governors will authorise the remission of charges. The school may choose to subsidise part or all of the payment of some charges for certain activities and pupils, and this will be determined by the governing body and Headteacher.