

Grindon Infant School



Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

Grindon Infant School recognises the value of providing a wide range of experiences to enrich and extend pupils' learning and to contribute to their personal development. We aim to promote and provide such experiences for the pupils of the school, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and as additional optional activities. 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 certain 'optional extras' (see Voluntary Contributions).

Legislation – Education During School Hours

Schools **cannot** charge for:

- an admission application to any maintained school;
- education provided during school hours
- education provided outside of school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education and;
- tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as part of the National Curriculum.

Schools **can** charge for:

- any materials, books, instruments, or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him/her to own them;
- optional extras(see Voluntary Contributions); and
- music and vocal tuition in limited circumstances.

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 voluntary contributions are requested for an activity it should be clearly understood that there is no obligation to contribute and if the parent is unable or unwilling to pay, then the child will not be excluded from the activity. However, If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised, then we may cancel an activity. If an activity goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

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'. The list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums;
- Activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to the theatre;

- Musical events;
- Any materials, books, instruments, or equipment provided in connection with the optional extra.

Charges

Grindon Infant School reserves the right to make a charge for the activities and items detailed below:

- Visits which are not part of the school curriculum or are outside of the school day.
- After school and breakfast clubs.
- Music tuition if it is not required for the National Curriculum and is provided for an individual pupil or for groups of pupils.
- Breakages and damage to school buildings, furniture or property - parents will be charged for damage caused as a result of a pupil's behaviour.
- Visits to school by professionals e.g. authors, story tellers, musicians, dancers, artists, theatre companies etc.
- Replacing equipment that has been defaced, damaged or lost e.g. school books.
- Ingredients or materials for practical subjects – parents may be encouraged to provide ingredients, materials etc needed for practical subjects such as technology. The school may charge for, at cost or less, or require the supply of, ingredients and materials if parents have indicated the wish to own the finished product.

Music Tuition

Children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 2. These take place after school. We ask parents for written permission for their child to take part and request a small contribution.

The Governing Body reserves the right to review and amend this policy from time to time, as appropriate.

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