

WESTACRE INFANT SCHOOL



CHARGING & REMISSIONS POLICY

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WESTACRE INFANT SCHOOL - CHARGING POLICY

PRINCIPLES:

We are committed to a free school education for all.

We Aim To:

- Ensure that education in school is free.
- Ensure that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal school teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parent's ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- Ensure that there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education but the school has the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
- Ensure that the school has the right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of activities organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

PRACTICES:

With the above in mind, it is the Policy of Westacre Infant School:

- To continue to request voluntary contributions from parents towards activities organised by the school during school hours.
- To subsidise children whose parents are unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution. Children who are entitled to Free School Meals are supported by having school visits and violin lessons paid for
- To cancel an activity if insufficient voluntary contributions are forthcoming for an activity and insufficient subsidies are available. Other costs may be covered in exceptional circumstances (e.g deprivation) if it would be in the best interests of the child – at the discretion of the Headteacher and Governors.
- To charge full cost for optional trips wholly or mainly outside school hours. These visits may not proceed where full costs are not met by all those who wish to partake in the activity.
- The school may invite voluntary contributions towards the cost of ingredients, materials and equipment where parents have expressed the wish to have the finished product.
- This school may make charges for breakages and damage to property

EXCEPTIONS ON CHARGING:

Children whose parents are in receipt of the following support payments will, on addition to having a free school lunch entitlement, also be entitled to the remission of charges for school trips. The relevant support payments are:

- Universal Credit in prescribed circumstances. (The Government plans to prescribe the circumstances when Universal Credit is fully rolled out.)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, where the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and whose annual income (as assessed by HMRC) does not exceed £16190