

# ***ETTINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL***



## **CHARGING and REMISSIONS POLICY**



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**SCHOOL TRIPS/VISITS:**

Education for all our students will be free if it takes place in school time with some exceptions. These exceptions are explained below:

- Voluntary contributions
- School Trips and Visits / Non Residential

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the trip.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, and is unable to make a voluntary contribution or is in receipt of any benefit, then the request needs to be made in writing to the Headteacher.

The school cannot exclude a child from taking part in an activity that is part of the curriculum purely on the grounds that you, the parent or carer, cannot make, or refuse to make, a contribution. In cases where insufficient contributions are made, it is most probably that the trip may be cancelled due to insufficient funding.

However, we recognise that some families face financial difficulties, and we make special allowances for these families. If you are unable to contribute, please contact the School as soon as possible regarding your situation.

**Residential visits**

The school offers a residential visit for every child during their primary education. Where a school activity requires pupils to spend nights away from home, the school is allowed to make a charge for board and lodgings in all cases, whether or not the residential trip takes place in school hours. If the activities fall outside school hours, the school can make a charge for travel. The school also takes the case of twins or triplets as a separate case.

In cases where parents do not wish to pay for a residential trip, the child will remain in school and access the curriculum in another class.

Again, if parents have difficulty with paying, they are invited to discuss their circumstances in confidence with the Headteacher.

### **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.

Any additional music groups for example School Orchestra, the school can ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the peripatetic teacher.

### **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for children in year 2. We make no charge for this activity, however we ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of travel to and from the Leisure Centre in order that swimming can take place. The school reviews this provision on an annual basis.

### **After School Clubs**

The school runs a variety of after school clubs and has different charging structures for the following reasons:

- Clubs run by outside providers where there is charge to the school
- Cost of materials in running any after school club
- Other clubs run by volunteers/staff maybe incur a small charge

### **Curriculum Activities**

The school does ask for voluntary contributions for materials such as ingredients for cooking, materials for art and DT if the child is to retain the finished product.

**A small transaction fee will be applied to each payment made through parent pay other than for school lunches.**