

Edleston Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

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 individual or group music tuition.

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. We use some of our Pupil Premium Grant to subsidise the contribution of trips and residents for eligible children. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we may allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school will provide this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities organized by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums;
- Educational visits, which enhance the curriculum and which require transport expenses;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses or off-site provision;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to the theatre;
- Musical or theatrical events.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do

not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel.

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.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the swimming teacher at the baths. Children who do not pay this contribution are still taken swimming. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

Coaching Sessions

When the school offers additional coaching after school [for example football or gymnastics] a qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, may be employed to run and organise these sessions. We may make a charge for these sessions or use the Sports Grant for these expenses.