



Rushton CE (VC) Primary School

Happy Learning Together

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Charging & 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 some individual or small-group music tuition and school visits that incur a charge.

Voluntary Contributions.

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. 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 do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes Rushton Home School Association pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

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'. This list is not exhaustive.

- Visits to museums;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to or by a theatre company;
- Musical events.

Residential Visits.

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in 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 transport.

Music Tuition.

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Additional out of school lessons are available at a cost and are paid directly to the music teacher.

Swimming.

The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

Monitoring and Review

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed in one year, or earlier if necessary.

Agreed by Governors March 2017