



ROSSMORE SCHOOL

Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to make a voluntary contribution to the cost. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to cancel a trip. 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 - we do not treat these children differently from any others.

Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded, and 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;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- school trips abroad;
- school discos, end of term events;
- 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 or travel expenses. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. No charge will be made for parents in receipt of certain benefits as this will be subsidised through other sources including, Pupil Premium funding. If we cannot raise sufficient parent contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children from reception to Year 6. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, but we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of transport.

No charge will be made for parents in receipt of certain benefits as this will be subsidised through Pupil Premium funding. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

After School Clubs

The school may offer additional sports/musical coaching after school on a number of occasions throughout the year. If we use a qualified FA/musical coach, if outside of the National Curriculum, a small charge may apply. If the club is run by a member of our staff afterschool or during lunchtime then no charge is usually made, unless we require a small contribution from parents to cover, for example, cooking ingredients.

School Bus/Breakfast & After School Clubs

To offset running costs for pick up and drops or attendance at breakfast/after school club, we charge parents:

£1 per child, per journey/attendance at club (ie £2 per day for a return journey or attendance at breakfast and after school club)

No charge will be made for parents in receipt of certain benefits as this will be subsidised through Pupil Premium funding. If we use the school bus for visits we ask for a voluntary donation from parents to help pay for the upkeep of the bus and towards diesel costs. New charges will take effect in the Spring term.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every year, or more frequently if changes occur.

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Next review: September 2024