



**Parkhead
Community
Primary School**

Charging and Remissions Policy

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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. With regard to charging, we follow the guidance set out in the DfE Charging for School Activities document last updated May 2018.

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. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary funds, we may cancel a trip – this is made clear in individual visit letters from the onset. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat those 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 the school 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 the theatre.
- School trips abroad
- Musical events

Where cost of transport is deemed too expensive, we will look at alternatives such as experiences brought into school. The voluntary contribution will then only cover the cost of the activity.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit, parents are expected to fund the visit cost. Pupils who access Pupil Premium funding may be supported with the cost of this, and will be determined by individual discussion with the Head Teacher.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

There is a charge for individual or group music. 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.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in KS2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place and what items they will need to participate, well in advance of the lessons beginning each year.

Sport and After School Activity Clubs

The school offers a selection of after school activities to widen children's experiences. Charges may be made for these sessions to cover additional costs or if they are run by outside agencies.

Transport

The school may request a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of transport to a venue as part of an educational visit / trip.

Link to DfE Guidance 'Charging for School Activities – last updated May 2018'

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/706830/Charging_for_school_activities.pdf