



Have courage, grow roots, shine bright!

Policy:	Charging & Remissions Policy
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Core values: compassion, courage, resilience and responsibility.

Mission Statement

'Nurturing children to blossom into compassionate and resilient members of our community'.

Values and aims:

- To create a stimulating learning environment both indoors and outdoors where children feel safe, are eager to learn and have fun.
- To offer a broad and balanced curriculum which is enhanced through our unique characteristics.
- As a village school, maintain excellent communication and develop links with the community.
- To celebrate and share success however small.
- To foster an understanding of the wider world, encouraging imagination and a sense of wonder.
- To create the foundations for a lifelong love of learning.

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that there is clarity over those items which the school will provide free of charge and for those items where there may be a charge.

Definition

The school day is defined as 8.50am to 3.15pm. The midday break does not form part of the school day.

Responsibilities

The Headteacher will ensure that staff are familiar with and correctly apply this policy.

The Governors will review the policy annually.

Policy Statement

There are some activities and trips which are not fully financed by the Local Education Authority. Many of these events are worthwhile and enjoyable for the children. The school wants to promote and provide these activities as part of a broad and balanced learning experience. In order to provide these "extras" we sometimes have to make a modest charge to cover the costs of the activity. Children in receipt of pupil premium may not be required to pay the full costs. No pupil will be prevented from participating because his/her parents cannot or will not make a contribution. If insufficient funds are available it may be necessary to curtail or cancel activities. The chargeable activities may include but are not limited to the following:

Residentials

Transport to and from the venue, activities, board and lodging

Cooking, Technology, Crafts

Parents may be asked for money or materials

Activities outside school hours

The full cost to each pupil of optional activities taking place outside school hours, if outside agencies come to take the club - for example Streetdance.

Musical tuition

The cost of providing individual instrumental tuition that is in addition to the year 3 and 4 tuition that is free for a term.

School Bus

Travel to the school is free within certain distance limits and depending upon the age of the child.

Calculating Charges

When charges are made for any activity, whether during or outside the school day, they will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of pupils participating. There will be no levy on those who can pay to support those who can't or won't. Support for cases of hardship will come through pupil premium. Parents who would qualify for support are those whose children are in receipt of Pupil Premium.

In cases of hardship the finance committee will consider in their absolute discretion the remission of fees (either in full or in part) for those pupils who they consider will benefit from any of the above.

Eligible Benefits

For those families entitled to Pupil Premium. Advice on eligibility can be obtained from Dorset County Council on Telephone Number 01305 221000 or email dorsetdirect@dorsetcc.gov.uk

NB

This policy does not include Charging and Remissions connected to Extended Schools, e.g. Barn Owls, Breakfast Club and after School clubs .

REVIEW OF POLICY

The effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body. If changes are made to the policy, the Governing Body will ratify amendments.

Signed: A. Muir

Designation: Chair of Governors

Date: 04.9.22