

Saighton Church of England Primary School and Pre-School

CHARGING and REMISSIONS POLICY



‘Nurturing Children in a Christian Environment to Achieve Excellence’

Safeguarding Children is at the Heart of Everything we Do

Date of Review: March 2019

Date of next review: Summer 2020

Signed..... Head Teacher

Signed..... Chair of Governors

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 music tuition, PE activities requiring specialist teaching and travel costs. The school follows LA guidelines on charging for school activities.

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 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.

Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit usually using, Pupil Premium or PTA contributions.

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 etc
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to the theatre
- residential visits
- musical events

- community clubs
- after school activities led by independent professionals

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 music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music tutors teach individual lessons and make a charge for these lessons. The tutors give parents information about additional music tuition on a termly basis.

Swimming and Other Activities

The School organises swimming lessons for all children from Year 3 upwards. They take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make a charge to partially cover the travel costs for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

Other related sporting/additional activities, within the curriculum, will be charged to cover the full costs for travel.

Activities outside the National Curriculum (NC)

Activities lying outside of the NC, and taking place outside School time, will be charged in full.

Families qualifying for remission or help with charges

The following statement is made in compliance with Section 110 of the Education Reform Act 1988.

With effect from September 1 1995 the Governors' policy for making charges will be in conformity with the Education Reform Act 1988 with Circular 2/89 and subsequent Circulars. Charges will be those permitted under the Act.

In order to remove financial barriers from disadvantaged pupils, the governing body has agreed that some activities and visits where charges can legally be made will be offered at no charge or a reduced charge to parents in particular circumstances.

'The Headteacher will have discretion to pay from the budget of Saighton School to assist in the whole or in part any student whose means would not enable them to pay for a particular activity for which charging is permitted.'

General

All charges will be reviewed annually and revised in line with appropriate inflation factors.

Where appropriate VAT will be charged and properly accounted for in accordance with the appropriate VAT regulations.

The school may require parents to pay for damage to or loss of school property for which their children are responsible where reimbursement is appropriate. This will be at the Headteacher's discretion.