



Vane Road Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

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Signed by Chair of Governors:

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Amendment tracker

Date	Change and comments	Location

Related Policies:

- Equality Policy
- Curriculum Policy
- Assessment Policy

Rights Respecting

Vane Road Primary School is proud to be a Level 1/Silver UNICEF Rights Respecting School. This Policy covers the following Rights included in UNICEF's 'The Convention On the Rights of the Child'.

Article 18 (parental responsibilities) and state assistance) Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child. Governments must support parents by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children.

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

This Policy

1. 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, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

Voluntary contributions

2. When organising school trips, visitors or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the learners, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. 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 learners whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these learners differently from any others.
3. 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 learner 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, and the school provides this information on request.
4. 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:
 - 4.1 visits to museums; places of interest
 - 4.2 sporting activities which require transport expenses;
 - 4.3 outdoor adventure activities;
 - 4.4 visits to or by a theatre company;
 - 4.5 school trips abroad;
 - 4.6 musical events.
 - 4.7 Visitors delivering workshops to the pupils

Residential visits

5. If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or weekends we suggest a subsidised charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled.

Music tuition

6. All learners study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
7. There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by county peripatetic music teachers. A contract between the county music service and individual's parents is then issued. There is a cost for such tuition which is charged directly to parents from the county peripatetic music service. School does not enter into this contract other than to give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.
8. Those children eligible for Free School Meals are entitled to free music tuition and this is accessed through Durham County Council.

Swimming

- 8 The school organises swimming lessons for pupils. 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.

Clubs

- 9 The school offers additional activities after school. A qualified adult will run these activities. They may make a small charge for these sessions.
- 10 The school has a Childcare facility which has its own separate pricing structure.

Buses

11. For many activities transport is required, we normally charge, however, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

Pupil Premium

12. The school receives additional funding from Central Government called the Pupil Premium Funding. This fund is to be used flexibly by the school to narrow the attainment gap between Disadvantaged children and others. The fund can be used to subsidise the cost of certain extra-curricular activities and is done so on an individual case by case basis.
13. Those eligible for the fund will receive a 50% reduction on the cost of a residential trip.
14. Access to free Child-care may be agreed through Team Around the Family meetings.

Sports Premium

15. The school receives additional funding from Central Government called the Sports Premium. The school uses a proportion of Sports Premium to pay for travel to and from events.

Monitoring and review

16. This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed annually by the Governors