

Brimrod Primary School

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"Creating life ready children.
Aspire, Explore, Achieve"

Charging & Remissions

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BRIMROD CP SCHOOL

Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

Brimrod Primary School operates its Charging Policy to reflect the Mission Statement.

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.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips, visits or activities which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip/activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip/activity. If a trip/activity goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these 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;
- indoor/outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre or theatre groups visiting school;
- musical events.

Residential Trips

When organising a residential visit the cost of the trip will be passed onto the individual pupil exclusive of VAT. If a child is in receipt of free school meals a subsidy (determined by the Head Teacher) may be deducted from the cost of the trip. Places on a residential trip are by invitation only and places are confirmed once a deposit is received and the amount is paid in full.

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 or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum, where peripatetic music teachers from Rochdale Music Service teach individual or group lessons.

The school is unable to provide any subsidy/remission for individual children.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 3 and Year 4 and beyond as required. 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 we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

After School Clubs

The school may offer after school clubs, either run by a member of staff or by qualified coaches from Rochdale Football Club or other outside agencies may sometimes run and organise these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.

Extra Curricular Activities

The school offers other extra-curricular activities run by members of staff, some of which may be seasonal. There may be a small charge for these activities.

Cooking, Science and Design Technology

Parents may occasionally be invited to contribute to the cost of cooking, science and design technology activities on a voluntary basis. Items included are materials and ingredients, particularly when the child / parents has ownership of the finished product or the costs of the activity are considered expensive.

Nursery Charges

In Nursery we offer a flexible entitlement to provide across the week. The first 15 hours are free and thereafter charged per hour for any additional hours. A extra session will currently cost £9.00 and will be reviewed yearly.

Breakfast Club/Homework Club

The school runs a small breakfast club each morning 8.00-8.35. The Breakfast Club is open to all pupils. It is free to those entitled to Free School Meals and a charge of £1.50-£1.80 to all others.

Breakages, Loss and Fines

The school reserves the right to ask parents to pay towards the cost of breakages, acts of vandalism, loss of or damage to books where this results from a pupil's behaviour or negligence. Each case is individually assessed before parents are invited to provide restitution.

Bank Charges

Any charges made to the school or school fund bank account in respect of returned cheques will be passed on to the person who issued the cheque.

Late Pick Up

It will be at the Head's discretion to charge parents who are consistently late collecting their children. Parents will be sent a letter advising them they will be charged, for each child, each time they are late thereon. They will be charged £3.00 per child.

School Meals

The Governing Body determine the cost of the schools meals generally in line with the Council's contractor, Facilities Management. Any increases in the cost will be communicated to parents in good time for them to send in the appropriate payment. From September 2013, school meals will be £1.90 per day.

Payments should be made on Monday mornings for the week ahead. It should be sent in an envelope which has the child's name, year group and the amount enclosed on it.

Lettings

The school may make its facilities available to outside users at a charge of least the cost of providing the facilities. The scale of the charges will be determined annually by the Governing Body and set out in the Lettings Policy.

Charity/Fundraising

School may choose to take part in a fundraising event such as – Children in Need – in this instance parents can choose whether to make a contribution towards the charity. The money collected from this event will be passed on directly to the charity involved.

There may be occasions when school/FOBS is raising money for school e.g. Summer Fair etc. Parents will be asked to pay for items during these events and this is the parents' choice whether to take part in these events. Money in this instance will be banked in the School Budget in a separate 'line' for FOBS and used in the best interests of the school (as determined by the Headteacher/Governing Body).

Remissions

The Governing Body may remit in full or in part the cost of any activity for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited to apply, in confidence, for the remission of charges in full or in part. Authorisation for such remission will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

