



Thorns Community



Infant School

# **Park Hill Thorns Federation**

## **Charging and Remissions Policy**

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## **PARK HILL THORNS FEDERATION CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY**

Any activity required specifically to fulfil a statutory duty relating to the national curriculum cannot be charged for except for the board and lodging element of residential trips. Remission from board and lodging charges is available to families in receipt of family credit or income support, on production of proof of eligibility.

### **Education During School Hours**

Any activity wholly or mainly in school hours other than the above, is similarly free of charge to those in receipt of family credit, income support or pupil premium. Voluntary contributions towards the costs of these activities may be invited and the school reserves the right to cancel the activity if insufficient funds are available.

Tuition in playing musical instrument, where tuition is provided individually or to a group of not more than 5 children, may be charged for. The cost of hire of a musical instrument from the county music service will be charged for or children may supply their own instrument.

Parents cannot be required to supply any books or materials or other equipment for use in school hours (with the exception of musical instruments above).

### **Education Outside School Hours**

Charges may be made for out of school trips on the basis of parents' willingness to pay for these "optional extras". No remission is available for these trips.

Charges may be made for activities and clubs outside the normal school day i.e. prior to 8.50am and after 3pm at Thorns or 3.15pm at Park Hill on the basis of parents' willingness to pay for these "optional extras". ***Children in receipt of pupil premium may be exempt from paying these charges. No remission is available for these activities.***

### **School Meals**

A charge is made for lunches provided by the school, in line with the cost advised by the local authority county caterers. Meals are available at no cost to children eligible for free school meals. Accounts must not exceed the value of 8 weeks worth of school meals. Any account over this balance will result in cancellation of meals.

### **Breakages and Damages**

The governors are entitled to require parents to pay for the cost of damage caused by the pupil's behaviour e.g. breakage of a window, damage to furniture. This also applies to lost, damaged or defaced books.

### **Charitable support**

In all cases where parents are charged for an activity, or are invited to pay a voluntary contribution, the school encourages those who would have difficulty in such payments to apply for support from the Edward's Charity.