



HIPSWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our vision is to “Live generously and graciously towards others, the way God lives towards us” (Matthew 5:48). We nurture supportive relationships within our often-changing community. We aspire for our children to be resilient and to flourish - happily, confidently and with enthusiasm.

Overview

Although education is provided free of charge, the Governing Body recognises that for the majority of a state schools' curriculum, the cost of education is free. However, the school may need to charge for additional activities e.g. clubs, trips and residential experiences that contribute towards pupils' personal and social education. Such additional extra curriculum activities, enhance provision in providing a broad and balanced school curriculum, and are strongly supported by the Governing Body.

Therefore, when it is necessary to charge for additional activities, the Governing Body adopts the LA's Charging and Remissions Policy for School Activities and Lettings.

These principles allow the Headteacher to seek voluntary contributions from parents for activities, in and out of school hours, which require additional resources. In these circumstances, the Governing Body recommends that the school uses the guidance from the LA in its correspondence to parents. It is as follows:

The cost of this trip will be £..... which covers the cost of coach and insurance. Under the terms of the 1988 Education Reform Act, the school is not allowed to make a charge for this activity, but we are permitted to ask for voluntary contributions. No child will be excluded if his/her parents do not wish to make this contribution. However, if sufficient voluntary contributions are not received, then regrettably the trip will not go ahead.

Loss or Damage to Property

The Headteacher may ask parents to pay for damage to and/or loss of school property and equipment when the accepted rules of the school have been disregarded.

We levy a charge of £3 in order to cover the cost of any books lost or damaged whilst in the care of the children at home.

Swimming Lessons

Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of our swimming programme which includes Year 3 up to Year 6 pupils. The contribution is to cover the cost of qualified swimming instructors.

Extra-Curricular Activities

All extra-curricular activities, although subsidised by the school, incur a cost to each pupil.

Music Lessons

Music lessons for the classes are provided free of charge as part of the National Curriculum. As stated under the Education Act 2006, there is a charge to music lessons for individual or small groups are music lessons. We currently offer guitar lessons.

Residential Visits

We ask for full payment for the bi-annual residential visit to Low Mill.

The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is organised by Hipswell Church of England Primary School and is located in the school hall. Parents must pay for this facility which is non-profit making. The school is committed to keeping the cost of the Breakfast Club as low as possible. The Headteacher can offer this facility free of charge to a child he believes will benefit from attending and also to children of members of staff. The current opening times are 8am to 9am for a cost of £3.50 per child.

Photo-copying

Hipswell CE primary School does not offer a personal photocopying service.

Lettings

The Governing Body does not allow the letting of the school for evening, weekend and holiday time events.

Monitoring

The *Governing Body* will monitor the *Charging and Remissions Policy for School Activities and Lettings* on a regular basis.

Agree Date: September 2021

Review Date: September 2022