

BISHOP WILSON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY



“We aim to rise above the ordinary, developing an education which can unlock potential and transform lives. We believe everyone in our school community deserves to be cared for unconditionally and valued equally as God’s unique creation.”

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 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.

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. 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 organized 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;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- after school clubs and coaching provided by an organisation outside school;
- musical events.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and transport. Parents who receive state benefits are exempt from payment.

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 which is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. The company who provides these lessons makes a charge. We give parents information about additional music tuition on a regular basis.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. 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. As we have no swimming pool on site we also ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport.

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

The school offers additional after school sport coaching. Qualified coaches, who are not a member of the school staff, run and organises these sessions. They make a small charge for these sessions.

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