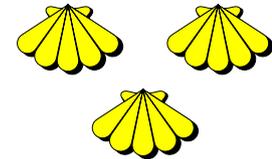


# High Wych C E Primary School

Founded in 1861



## Charging and Remissions Policy

### Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum however voluntary contributions will be requested for certain activities. Our ability to offer these activities may be contingent on us receiving sufficient voluntary contributions.

### Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips or visits to 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 decide to cancel a trip. However, if the trip does still go ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. 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 and we do not treat these children differently from any others. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. The Governing Body may ask parents for voluntary contributions towards the cost of any activity including non-curriculum activities such as visits to museums; sporting activities which require transport expenses; outdoor adventure activities; visits to the theatre, musical events etc; school equipment, such as ingredients and materials needed for practical subjects, in cooking, craft, design and technology etc; school funds generally.

### 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, no charge will be made. However, we make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, optional extras (these will be clearly specified on a case-by-case basis) and additional 'pocket money'. Where the trip takes place wholly, or mainly, during school hours, children whose parents are in receipt of the following support payments at the time the visit is undertaken may, in addition to having a free school lunch entitlement, also be entitled to the remission of the charge for board and lodging:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit element)
- (Income Related) Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit

Advice should be sought from the school. The school may additionally ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of transport, supply teachers and activities undertaken on the visit. Our ultimate ability to undertake the visit may depend on sufficient voluntary contributions being received.

### Music Lessons



All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. If a child receives optional individual or group music tuition, which is not part of the National Curriculum, there will be a charge. Peripatetic music teachers would provide these lessons. Parents in receipt of certain state benefits may be exempt from payment ,and should contact the school for advice in this regard.

### Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage Two. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We may ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of the transport and lifeguard.

### Remissions

Charges may be remitted to parents in receipt of Income Support or Family Credit. Advice should be sought from the school office.

### Review

The Governing Body will review this policy in line with its schedule for policy review.

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