

Bishop Wilson CE and Christ Church CE Primary Schools Federation

Charging and Remissions Policy



Bishop Wilson CE Primary School	Christ Church CE Primary School
'The joy of the Lord is your strength' Nehemiah 8:10	'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' Psalm 119
'We work, we play we care, we pray'	Within God's family we nurture, teach and support each other, opening doors for all. Our Christian values help us to flourish in school and in our community as beacons radiating the light of Jesus in all that we do.
The joy of the Lord and our Christian values help us to flourish in school and in our community as communicators, explorers, readers and believers	'Learn, play, care, pray in Jesus' name'

Joint vision – A journey of learning for all, within God's guiding hands.

Life is a wonderful journey of learning. Our schools nurture all individuality and growth through a supportive and caring family. Everyone brings something special to our schools. Using our Christian values, we aim to nurture what they have brought, encourage it to transform and watch it flourish within our community and beyond.

Annual review required.
DATE POLICY APPROVAL:
SIGNED:

In this policy read 'headteacher' as Executive Headteacher (the EHT may delegate some of these roles to the Head of Schools)

The objectives of the charging provisions of the Education Reform Act 1988, the Education Act 1996 and the Education (School Sessions and Charges and Remissions Policies) (Information) (England) Regulations 1999 are:

- To establish that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- To emphasise that there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education or related activity, but to give Local Authorities and schools the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
- To confirm the right of Local Authorities and school to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of any activity organised by the school whether during or outside school hours.
- To have a policy on charging and remissions for activities arranged by the school.

The Governing body has approved the following policy in line with the requirements of the Act.

1. Visits connected with school work (*i.e. related to the basic curriculum of the school*) will be organised wherever they may enhance learning. Such visits will be self-financing if possible.
2. The school will ask parents for voluntary contributions towards the cost of educational visits, outings and special activities in school, which take place during the school day.
3. The school will not exclude any pupil from such activities if the parent declines to offer a voluntary contribution. However, the school reserves the right to cancel such activities if sufficient support is not forthcoming.
4. Residential visits are not an essential part of the curriculum and will be financed wholly through parental contribution and can only be organised given available and suitable staffing.
5. The organisation of all visits is delegated to the Headteacher and staff, but the Governing Body will consider in advance any educational visit or school journey lasting longer than one day. This is in accordance with the articles of the government of the school, and the authority's school journey regulations.
6. Ingredients and materials for practical activities will usually be financed through school funds. Children may be asked to bring items for some lessons into school such as recycled items for model building, food ingredients for cooking.
7. Parents will be expected to replace or purchase lost items of school equipment.
8. Wilful damage to school buildings or property by pupils may be charged to the parents by the school.

9. Third parties i.e. school photographer, may make a charge. Parents are not under any obligation to receive the service/product etc.

10. The Governing Body confirms that no pupil with special needs or disabilities will be treated any differently than any other pupil. The school will take all reasonable steps to avoid putting children with special needs at a substantial disadvantage.

11. All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. Extra-curricular lessons may be provided by an outside company. The payment for this is a contract between parent and company.

12. The school organises swimming lessons for Key Stage 2 children. Lessons take place in school time and are part of the national curriculum. School pays for the provision of a lifeguard, specialist teachers and the hire of the pool itself. There is no cost to pupils for swimming. The school reserves the right to charge for transport if it is required.

Whenever pupils are involved in school activities which take place off school premises, it is the school's policy to obtain written parental permission.

Remissions

Where parents are in receipt of benefits or children in receipt of pupil premium* we welcome parents to discuss remission of trips/residential costs.

*Pupil Premium is additional funding which the Head teacher uses to support eligible pupils to narrow the gap in all aspects of school life between them and their peers. Part of the child's pupil premium may be used to fund the remission if deemed appropriate by the Head teacher.