

Fiskerton CE Primary School

'Where happy children learn'



Charging and Remissions Policy

July 2025-26

Flourishing together within the love of God.

As an inclusive and caring church school, we aim to provide an excellent education and develop a life-long love of learning. We see all members of our school family as valued and valuable in the eyes of God, and we support and challenge everyone to achieve their full potential.

"I come to bring life in all its fullness." (John 10:10)

Being a Good Neighbour

Friendship

Peace

Love

Thankfulness

Fulfilling Our Gifts

Wisdom

Self-Belief

Hope

Trust

Serving Others

Compassion

Forgiveness

Responsibility

Respect

Policy on Charging and Remissions

1 Introduction

- 1.1 All the education the school provides during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. There is no charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If the organisers do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, the trip may be cancelled. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. These children will not be treated differently from any others.
- 2.2 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, the school does allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.
- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities, organised 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 or by a theatre company or outside agency;
 - school trips abroad;
 - musical events.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, it is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum. The school will suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. If the school cannot raise sufficient funding, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. The school does not charge for this. For children who have specific musical instrument lessons a charge will be made to cover the cost of this.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. No charge is made for this activity, but the school will ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of transport. Parents are informed when these lessons are to take place, and the organisers will seek the parents' written permission for their children to take part. In addition, a small charge will be made to cover the cost of swimming badges and certificates.

6 Transport

- 6.1 The school normally charge if children are transported to an extra-curricular activity. However, the school use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

7 Lettings

- 7.1 The school makes charges for use of the premises by outside bodies in line with the scale of letting charges set out by Lincolnshire County Council.

8 Hot Lunches

- 8.1 Our hot lunches are provided by Kidz Kitchen and are booked online through their website. Their current charges for hot meals are £2.50 per hot lunch per day and this amount is reviewed on an annual basis. Children entitled to Free School Meals are not charged for hot lunches. Key Stage 1 children receive Universal Free School Meals and are not charged for these.

9 Breakfast Club and After School Club (Foxes)

- 9.1 Our before and after school club provision is run from 7:30am until 8:45am and from 3:30pm until 5:30pm each day. Details of current charges are available from the school office. As part of the breakfast club the children can make a choice about what they want to have for their breakfast and an afternoon snack is provided in afterschool club. These are included in the daily charge.

10 After School Clubs

- 10.1 The school may charge for after school clubs to cover the cost of any materials, books, instruments, or equipment provided in connection with the optional extra or non-teaching staff delivering the club. Charges for Young Voices Club are made to cover the cost of the T-shirt and transport. Any charges made to individual pupils will not exceed the actual cost of providing the optional extra club or activity. After school clubs run by other providers may charge for the clubs they offer e.g. Premier Sport.

11 Remissions

In order to remove financial barriers from pupils, the governing body has agreed that some activities and visits, where charges can legally be made, will be offered at no charge or a reduced charge to parents in particular circumstances.

This remissions policy sets out that circumstances in which such charges will be waived. Families qualifying for remission or help with charges Criteria for qualification for remission are given below:

Category a:

Parents in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also receive and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed State Pension
- An income- related employment and support allowance, introduced on October 27th, 2008 Charging and Remissions Policy

Category b:

- Needs in line with Fiskerton CE Primary School funding for vulnerable and disadvantaged families

Additional considerations

The governing body recognises its responsibility to ensure that the offer of activities and educational visits does not place an unnecessary burden on family finances. To this end we will try to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Where possible we shall publish a list of visits (and their approximate cost) at the beginning of the term so that parents can plan ahead and residential visits at least six months
- We have established a system for parents to pay in instalments
- When an opportunity for a trip arises at short notice it will be possible to arrange to pay by instalments beyond the date of the trip

Disability Equality Impact Assessment

This policy has been written with reference to and in consideration of the school's Disability Equality Scheme. Assessment will include consideration of issues identified by the involvement of disabled children, staff and parents and any information the school holds on disabled children, staff and parents.

12 Monitoring and review

- 12.1 This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if necessary.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reeve', with a stylized, cursive script.

Signed:

Sally Reeve, Chair of Governors

Date Reviewed: November 2025

Date Next Review: September 2026