



St Peter's C of E Junior School
A place for all to flourish

Charging and Remissions Policy

Origin of Policy	Local Authority
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Date for review:	November 2026

General Principles

The School Governing Body like the Education Committee is committed to the general principle determining the charging and remissions policies which are set out in this document, the Governors have been mindful of the policy statement produced by the Nottinghamshire Education committee and have also taken account of the committee's Entitlement Curriculum.

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities, including school visits, residential experiences and clubs, can make towards all aspects of pupil's education. The Governing Body would accordingly wish to promote and provide as far as possible such activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the benefit of pupils of the school.

Charges

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge for the following activities which may from time to time be organised by the school.

Residential Activities held during school hours: charges may be made for the board and lodging element of those residential activities which take place during school hours. Parents will be notified in advance of any such activities which the school proposes to organise and the estimated cost. Parental consent will be obtained for their children's participation in any such activities for which a charge may be made.

Any charge for a particular activity will be calculated by reference to the actual cost of providing the board and lodging for each pupil: no other costs will be covered by the charge. Any remission arrangements for such activities will be at the discretion of the Governing Body EXCEPT in the circumstances described below.

Activities held outside school hours: the school will endeavour to provide a range of such activities from time to time. These will sometimes include day and residential experiences, and are known generally as "optional extras". Charges may be made for these activities EXCEPT where they are provided to fulfil any requirements specified in the syllabus of a prescribed public examination are required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education in which case they are not regarded as optional extras as such and charges cannot be made. (Board and lodging charges may still however be made for any residential activities subject to the remission arrangements described below).

Parents will be notified in advance of any "optional extras" which the school proposes to organise and the estimated cost. Parental consent will be obtained if their children are to participate in any activities for which a charge may be made.

Any charge for a particular activity will be dependent upon the type of activity and its cost and the number of participants. This charge will not exceed the actual cost of providing the activity, divided equally by the number of pupils willing to participate. The cost of other pupils participating in the visit will not be included in the charge.

The charge may, however, include an appropriate element for such as:

- The pupil's travel costs;
- The pupil's board and lodging;
- Materials, books, instruments and other equipment;
- Non-teaching staff costs;
- Entrance fees to museums, castles, theatres etc;
- Insurance costs;
- Expenses only if participating teachers engaged on a separate contract for services to provide 'optional extra'

Any remissions arrangements for such activities will be at the discretion of the Governing Body, EXCEPT in the circumstances described below.

Materials and Ingredients: a charge will only be made for any materials and ingredients relating to activities taking place during school hours where parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product, e.g. in home economics or CDT. Alternatively parents may, in these circumstances, be asked to volunteer to provide the ingredients and materials prior to the activity taking place.

Remissions

Where the parents of a pupil are in receipt of Free School Meals (the most up to date eligibility criteria can be found on the Nottinghamshire County Council website <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>), the Governing Body will remit in full the cost of board and lodging for any residential activity the school organises for the pupil if the activity :

- Takes place within school hours
- Forms part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or fulfils statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or religious education, irrespective of whether the activity takes place within or outside school hours.

Any other remission arrangements for a particular activity or pupil will be entirely at the discretion of the School Governing Body. Any subsidy provided by the Governing Body will be met from the funds at its disposal.

Music Provision

Charges are not permitted for class music tuition during school hours. Music tuition, whether group or individual, forming part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or required by the National Curriculum, or as part of religious education, must also be free, whether it is provided during or outside school hours. No charge may be made for group musical activities, e.g. school orchestra, which take place during school hours.

Individual music tuition (but excluding vocal tuition) not forming part of the syllabus of a prescribed public examination or required by the National Curriculum, may be charged for, provided parental agreement is obtained before a pupil is given the tuition. The charge can include the cost of the teacher giving the tuition as well as the cost of the sheet music and

the hire and insurance of a musical instrument. This is the only activity taking place wholly during school hours for which a charge may be made. The County Council charges schools a proportion of the cost of such tuition, although the charge is remitted for all pupils who receive free school meals and certain other pupils where, at the discretion of the Director of Children and Young People's Services, it is considered that there are exceptional circumstances. Schools may pass on all or part of the charge to parents of groups of up to four pupils. Schools may, alternatively, wish to cover all or part of the cost of providing this tuition from their own budgets. The cost of tuition for groups of five or more pupils must be met by the school.

Voluntary Contributions

Nothing in this policy statement precludes the School governing Body from inviting parents to make voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of any school activity, whether during or outside school hours. Any contributions sought will be entirely voluntary and pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents make a contribution in response to any invitation.

Breakages and damage to School Property

The School Governing Body reserves the right to seek reparation from parents where their children cause breakages or damage to school property.

Review

The School Governing Body reserves the right to review and amend this policy statement from time to time, as appropriate.