Charging and Remissions Annex
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Residential Trips

Children are invited to go on residential trips. The costs of the trip include:

- Accommodation
- Food
- Transport
- Insurance

The cost of school staff is not included. When we invite carers to support children who have special needs/a disability, the carer will not be charged.

Pupil Premium children are charged 50% of the cost of overnight accommodation. Parents/carers will have the option of paying either small regular amounts over a period of time or larger amounts in a smaller number of transactions.

If the residential visit is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we ask for voluntary contributions to cover the cost of entry fees and travel expenses. Where the trip wholly or mainly takes place during school hours, the school supports children whose parents are in receipt of the support payments as detailed below in addition to having free school meal entitlement:

- Income based support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit, providing the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and their income does not exceed £16,040
- Guaranteed State Pension Credit

In such cases the school pays 50% of the cost.

Curriculum Activities

Curriculum Activities within school, e.g. workshops, plays and visiting speakers the school recognises that, as a state school, the education provided wholly or mainly during school hours is free. This means a charge is not imposed on parents for any activities within school that are part of the National Curriculum. However, the school may ask for a voluntary donation in order to offer exciting opportunities to enhance the curriculum. Events which may be organised within school where voluntary contributions are sought could be for example:

- Travelling theatre groups

- Visiting speakers
- Musical performances

If the activity is not essential for the curriculum, the parents will be asked to pay the full costs; in this instance parents cannot be asked for additional money to subsidise the cost for those who don't pay.

Music Tuition
There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if it is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of the academic year.

Extra-curricular and before/after clubs
Before and after clubs are provided by external agencies and attract a charge payable direct to the external agency.

Pupil Premium
Please see Ashby Hill Top Primary School website for details of Pupil Premium Spending and the impact it has on our pupils.

Refunds
Where a child is absent for a curriculum based school trip or visit, the school will refund any entry payment made on the day, but is unable to refund the cost of the coach or transport.

In the instance of a pupil not being able to attend a non-curriculum based trip to the theatre or other similar venue, where tickets are required to be purchased in advance e.g. the Christmas pantomime, a refund will not be made by the school, UNLESS the theatre is able to refund the cost of the ticket to the school.