

Charging and Remissions Policy



George Eliot
Primary School

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Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips, visits, clubs or activities that enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents/carers to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, and there is no way to make up the shortfall, then we may cancel a trip or activity. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents/carers have not paid any contribution. In keeping with our inclusive ethos, we do not treat these children differently from any others and no pupil will be left out of an activity because his or her parents/carers do not contribute. In the event of a trip or activity being cancelled due to the lack of funding, parents/carers who have made a contribution will be refunded in full.

If a parent/carer wishes their child to take part in a school trip or activity, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. This usually means that the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit or activity. In such cases, the child's parents/carers will be expected to meet with the Headteacher who will then make a decision in terms of how much the school could contribute. Parents/carers have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents/carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'.

- Sporting activities that require transport expenses;
- Visits to the theatre;
- Other school events/trips e.g. musical, art.

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, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Families experiencing exceptional hardship will be offered reduced charges or may be exempt from paying any costs.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents/carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for Year 4. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents/carers when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents/carers for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

Activities After / Before School

Breakfast Club

Daily rates: 50p per day per child

Weekly rate: £2.50 per week per child

The weekly costs are payable in advance.

After School Clubs

Throughout the year, the school also offers additional after and before school activities. Such activities include but are not limited to:

- Football coaching;
- Curriculum enrichment activities e.g. homework club, art club etc.

As these activities are optional extras, a charge of £2.00 per lesson may be made to cover essential costs.

The cost is payable termly in advance.