

Middleton Parish Church School

Policy
for
Charging and Remissions
For School Activities

School Aims

This policy reflects our school Mission Statement which, in summary states that Middleton Parish School being the Church of England Aided Primary School of the Parish Church of St. Leonard, Middleton, aims to be distinctively Christian in every aspect of its life, and aims to continually strengthen the relationship between Church, School and the local community.

INTRODUCTION

The governors recognise that education provided by the school for its registered pupils should be free of charge if it is taking place wholly or mainly during school hours.

An essential element in the work of the school is the range of additional activities that are offered through lunchtime or post school clubs, trips, residential experiences and instrumental music tuition. The Governors fully recognise the valuable contribution these make to the personal and social development of our pupils.

The governors aim to promote, enhance and provide for such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and also as additional optional activities, fully recognising the voluntary contribution made to facilitating these by members of the school staff.

CHARGING

The Governing body reserves the right to make charges in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:-

1. Residential Trips

If a school activity involves pupils spending at least one night away from home the Governors are permitted to make a charge for the trip.

2. Activities outside school hours

The Governors will not exercise their right to charge for activities outside school hours. Such activities might include sports practices and fixtures, choir rehearsals and performances etc. The Governors will provide adequate funds to be made available to enable these activities to take place, for transport when and where necessary and for appropriate refreshments.

3. Charging in kind

The Governors will not make a charge for any ingredients or materials provided by them for pupils making articles, models etc. arising from technology, art or any other curriculum area.

4. Individual Music Tuition

The Governing body will make a charge for individual or small group instrumental tuition, where this tuition is offered through the Rochdale Music Service. The Governors will apply the rates charged by the Service to cover the cost of tuition, instruments etc. Payment for these lessons is made on a half termly basis.

5. General

The Governors may, from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge is made.

REMISSIONS

Where the parents of a pupil are in receipt of benefits and the child is entitled to free school meals, the Governors may use some of the Pupil Premium funding to offset the cost of certain activities so that there would be no cost to the parent. This does not include the universal offer of free school meals to Foundation and Key stage 1 children. Parents of these younger children who are entitled to benefits must apply for Free School Meals in order for the school to attract the Pupil Premium Funding for that child. Forms are available from the office.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The governors are anxious to promote the use of educational visits to enhance the work the school undertakes in delivering the National Curriculum. They will make funds available to enable such visits to take place, but support will also be dependent on a satisfactory level of parental contribution being received.

The Headteacher, in consultation with the teaching staff of the school, should notify the parent / carers of any proposed educational visits and advise them of the appropriate level of voluntary contribution required. The Headteacher should determine the financial viability of a visit following voluntary parental / carer contributions and inform parent / carer if the visit cannot continue.

BREAKAGES, VANDALISM, LOSS AND DAMAGE

The Governors may ask parents to pay for damage to or loss of school property or equipment.

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