

ASKWITH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARGING & REMISSIONS POLICY

Introduction

The Governors of Askwith Primary school have agreed to adopt this Charging and Remissions Policy in accordance with DES Circular 2/89 on charging provisions of the Education Reform Act which came into being on 1st April 1989. This states that no LA or Governing Body may charge for any activity that takes place in school times, with the exception of instrumental tuition or public examinations not prescribed by the LA or the Secretary of State.

Voluntary contributions

The Circular also states that although charging is forbidden for the school-time activities, there may be occasions when the school wishes to enhance national Curriculum delivery by inviting outside organisations into school or by making educational or sporting visits. When organising such events or activities, then the school invites parents to contribute towards the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel an activity. No pupil will be excluded from such activities because parents are unable to contribute towards the cost. Families eligible for free school meals should not be expected to pay for school visits.

The following is a list of typical activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses
- Residential visits
- Theatre visits
- Musical events
- 'Experts' in school e.g. sporting, arts, etc.

Music tuition

There is a charge for instrumental tuition that is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. The Local Authority or individual teacher make a charge for these lessons.

After School Club (Cedar Club) and Mr Finch's After School Sports Club.

There are charges for these clubs that are paid through the school office.

Other end of school clubs e.g. football, art, gardening etc. do not have a charge.