



Barford St. Peter's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

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Charging & Remissions Policy

2024 - 2025

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1. Introduction

This document sets out the Policy of Barford St Peter's Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Primary School with respect to Charging and Admissions. For the purposes of this policy, the Governing Body is the admission authority.

2. Policy

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 some individual or small-group music tuition.



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3. Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips, visits or in school experiences to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents 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. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to or by a theatre company;
- Musical events

4. Residential Visits

When the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum we make a charge to cover the costs of travel, board and lodging. Parents who receive state benefits or are have difficulty in paying the full amount should speak directly to the Headteacher.

5. 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 small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. Peripatetic music teachers teach these individual or small-group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition available at the start of each academic year.

6. Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part. We ask parents for hire of pool and transport costs.



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7. Sports Coaching

The school offers additional sports coaching after school. A qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.

8. Bright Stars Wrap Around Care

The school offers wrap around care, before school and after school, through Bright Stars. A qualified member of school staff runs and organises Bright Stars. We make a charge for these sessions.

9. Monitoring and Review

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed in three years, or earlier if necessary.