



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

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Charging & Remissions Policy

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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. The school does not charge for any activity undertaken during school hours as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition and swimming lessons.

Charges will apply to extra-curricular activities: these are structured, optional activities that take place outside of the formal academic curriculum. Alternative provision will be made for pupils who opt out of these extra curricular activities.

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 the school does not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, the trip may be cancelled. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. The school does 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 experiencing financial difficulties in covering the cost, they are invited to contact the school in confidence to request support at admin3587@welearn365.com. All requests for support must be submitted two weeks prior to the date of the trip.

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 school by a theatre company;
- Musical events



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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, a charge will be made to cover the costs of travel, board and lodging. Families who receive state benefits or are having financial difficulty in paying the full amount should contact the school in confidence to request support at admin3587@welearn365.com. Families are also able to apply to the Barford School Trust charity to fund the costs of a residential trip.

5. Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. The school does 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. The school makes a charge for these lessons and gives 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. The school informs parents when these lessons are to take place, and asks parents for their written permission for their child to take part. Parents are asked to cover the costs of pool hire, instructors and transport.

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. A small charge is made 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. There is 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.