



# Charging and Remissions Policy

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The Governing Body at Trerobart School recognises the value of educational visits to support pupils' learning. In terms of remission pupils will be refunded in full (excluding deposit) if they are unable to attend an educational visit due to illness.

## Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. 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.

The Governing Body support the school stance of charging realistic contributions towards in-house performances of music, drama and workshops, which provide a rich experience for our pupils.

## **Voluntary contributions**

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers 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 or carers 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 and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and 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 and carers. 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;
- school trips;
- musical events.

## **Residential visits**

If 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 do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

## **Music tuition**

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum and receive instrumental tuition from the local Authority peripatetic teacher. We do not charge for this.

## **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 make no charge for this activity. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the written permission of parents or carers for their children to take part.

## **Sport**

The school offers additional coaching after school in various sports and there is no charge for this. However coaching from an outside Coach often incurs a small charge.

## **Monitoring and review**

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

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