

GREENHAUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charging & Remissions Policy for School Activities

Statement of Policy

In accordance with the provisions of the Education Reform Act (1988), the Circular **2/89 Charges for School Activities**, Northumberland Local Authority agree that education, wholly or mainly during school hours provided in any school maintained by the Authority, shall be free of charge.

The charging and remissions policy is to be reviewed annually.

Essential Visits

A small charge may be made for any visit made by pupils that are essential for the fulfilment of the National Curriculum or the requirements relating to the teaching of Religious Education.

Individual Tuition on a Musical Instrument

A subsidised charge is made in respect of instrumental tuition (Guitar, Keyboard) as this is supported by the Archibald Trust grant.

If pupils make use of an instrument provided by the Authority, a charge will be made in respect of the maintenance of the instrument.

Voluntary Contributions

The school offers many opportunities for pupils to broaden their range of experience in connection with certain curriculum areas during school hours. Such opportunities might comprise:

- An educational visit to a historical site or place of special interest
- Theatre visits
- Work in an art gallery or museum
- Use of public swimming pools for swimming lessons
- Inter school opportunities arising through the mini partnership
- Whole school trips such as the summer or winter trip

The school invites voluntary contributions from parents for these activities. In accordance with Section 118 of the 1988 Act this contribution is paid into the School Fund with the exception of swimming or educational visits linked to the curriculum which are paid into the school budget (Sporting Activities or Educational visits). Parents are made aware that any such contributions are voluntary and that pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not they have made any

contribution. The school will have the right to cancel an activity if there are insufficient voluntary contributions to make the activity possible.

In certain instances FOGS (Friends of Greenhaugh School) may wholly or partly subsidise a trip, if partly, then a contribution from parents may still be asked for.

Where such activities take place outside school hours, these will be regarded as “optional extras”. Participation in any optional extra activity will be on the basis of parental choice and the full charge for the activity may be made.

Residential visits - Visits to Outdoor Education Centres

Charges will be made for board and lodging for children visiting outdoor education centres.

A child entitled to Free School Meals and therefore eligible for Pupil Premium, can also claim support for residential school trips and offsite visits. (It should be noted that it is **free school meal eligibility** and not uptake which should be used as the trigger for entitlement to a remission of charges for residential trips)

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