

Thorney Island Community Primary School Charging and Remissions Policy

1 Introduction

- 1.1 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 individual or group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. 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.
- 2.2 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.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 As residential visits take place outside school time, parents are expected to cover the total cost of the visit for their child. In some cases the school may subsidise activities that the children participate in during these visits. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from part of these payments.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. West Sussex Music Service make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 After-School Clubs

- 5.1 The school offers after-school clubs for children in all year groups. Clubs are run by members of the school staff. The school does not charge for after-school clubs. Occasionally outside agencies may offer after school clubs - at present we do not charge for these sessions.

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