



CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

Policy reviewed November 2021

Next review November 2022

Aims

We aim to establish a caring school community, where all pupils are valued and can develop a love of learning.

We strive to support our pupils to:

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve in their learning
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

Our Philosophy

Our School is committed to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We strive to be a Right's Respecting School in all that we do.

We believe that all members of the school community have rights and responsibilities. Everyone at school is important and is to be valued. We expect each individual to respect other individuals, their families, their culture and beliefs. We aim to be courteous and fair in our dealings with each other and the children. This policy, as with all other policies, takes into account the schools SEN Policy in its implementation.

Introduction

There is no charge for admitting pupils to Crowmoor Primary School. This policy is written following guidance from the Local Authority regarding under what circumstances charges, either voluntary or compulsory may be requested.

Voluntary Contributions

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.

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 can provide this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities organized 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 e.g. swimming;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to the theatre;
- Musical events;
- Places of interest relevant to topic work;
- Residential visits.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly 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 make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents who are in receipt of income support or their child is eligible for free school meals may be able to receive support from The Gorsuch, Langley and Prynce Trust. The school applies for this on behalf of those families eligible. If parents are unable to fund the trip the school on occasions may subsidise the cost of the visit.

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 group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons on behalf of the Music Service. Parents in receipt of income support may receive remission by completing the appropriate claim form. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. By signing the agreement parents and pupils are committing to music lessons and one terms notice of cancellation must be given in all cases to comply with the terms of the music service.

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 ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of transport. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

Before and After School Activities

The school offers a variety of after school clubs. The clubs are currently funded by the school. Places are offered on a first come first served basis as stated in the individual club letters.