



Fawkham CE Primary School
Policy for Charging and Remission
January 2024

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Church of England Vision for Education:

Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good.

John Chapter 10 Verse 10 – I came that you may have life; life in all its fullness

Our Fawkham Family helps everyone to:-

- Follow in the footsteps of God, with God's love, help and guidance,
- Know that we are all special and different and that God has created us in this unique way
- Feel safe, happy and confident in our loving caring Christian family
- Work together through the living out day by day of our Core Christian Values
- Try our best, with the light of Jesus inspiring us to be the best that we can be ensuring that we flourish

DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE AT FAWKHAM CEP SCHOOL

We value diversity and promote equal opportunities for all.

Status Statutory

Aims

Fawkham C.E. Primary School understands the requirement placed on school Governors with regard to charging for school activities and this policy is written with reference to the following documents which set out the law on charging for school activities in schools maintained by the LA:

- DES Circular 2/89
- Education Act 1996, sections 402,450 – 458, 460
- The Education (School Sessions and Charges and Remissions Policies)(Information) (England) Regulations 1999

Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that, during the school day, all children have full and free access to a broad and balanced curriculum, ensuring that all children experience life, life in all its fullness (John Chapter 10 Verse 10).

The school day is defined as: **8:55am until 12:15 and 1:05pm until 3:05pm.**

Relationship to other school policies

The policy complements the school's equal opportunities policy, educational visits policy and the teaching and learning policy.

Roles and responsibilities of headteacher, other staff, governors

The **headteacher** will ensure that the following applies:

During the school day

All activities that are a necessary part of the National Curriculum plus religious education will be provided free of charge. This includes any materials, equipment and transport to take pupils between the school and the activity.

The staff and governors recognise the importance of activities that, while not an essential part of the curriculum, add value and enjoyment to the experiences of the children. Voluntary contributions may be sought for such activities during the school day which entail additional costs, these are non-refundable.

In these circumstances no pupil will be prevented from participating because his/her parents cannot or will not make a contribution. Children of parents who do not make a contribution will not be treated any differently. If a particular activity cannot take place without some help from parents, this will be explained at the planning stage. An activity may be cancelled if not enough voluntary contributions are collected, these donations would be fully refunded.

Education partly during the school day

If a non-residential activity happens partly inside the school day and partly outside of it, there will be no charge if most of the time to be spent on the activity falls within the school day.

Conversely, if the bigger proportion of time spent falls outside of the normal school day, charges will be made where the activity is not part of the national curriculum, these monies are non-refundable. When such activities are arranged parents will be told how the charges were calculated.

Optional activities outside of the school day

We will charge for optional, extra activities provided outside of the school day, these are non-refundable. Such activities are not part of the National Curriculum or religious education, nor are they part of an examination syllabus.

Participation in any optional extra activity will be on the basis of parental choice and a parental agreement will be a pre-requisite for the provision of any optional extra activity.

Calculating charges

When charges are made for any activity, whether during or outside of the school day, they will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of pupils participating, these will be non-refundable. There will be no levy on those who can pay to support those who can't. Support for cases of hardship will come through voluntary contributions and fundraising.

Parents who would qualify for support are those who are in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit, provided the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit and an income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008.

The principles of best value will be applied when planning activities that incur costs to the school and/or charges to parents.

Voluntary Contributions

The staff and governors recognise the importance of activities, that while may not be an essential part of the curriculum, add value and enjoyment to the experiences of the children. However it may be necessary for Voluntary contributions to be sought for such activities during the school day which entail additional costs, these will be non-refundable.

In these circumstances no pupil will be prevented from participating because his/her parents cannot or will not make a contribution. Children of parents who do not make a contribution will not be treated any differently. If a particular activity cannot take place without some help from parents, this will be explained at the planning stage. An activity may be cancelled if not enough voluntary contributions are collected, in such cases the monies would be totally refunded.

Pupil Premium

Parents who have children in receipt of the Pupil Premium are invited to have individual meetings with the Headteacher to discuss if they would like all voluntary contribution requests to be funded by their children's Pupil Premium allocation. See also Pupil Premium Policy.

Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation

The Resources Monitoring Pair will monitor the impact of this policy by receiving on a termly basis, a financial report on those activities that resulted in charges being levied, the subsidies awarded (without giving names) and the source of those subsidies.

This policy will be reviewed regularly and updates given to Governors, in line with any new information and guidance that becomes available.

Written by: Miss Mandy Bridges (Headteacher)

To be reviewed: February 2025

Signed..... Date 1st February 2024
(Chair of Governors)

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(Headteacher)