



Lidget Green Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

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Signed on behalf of the governing body: *S. Mitchell*

NB. This guidance will be retained for a period of 7 years from replacement.

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This policy is shared with staff: **on Induction and biennially thereafter**

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum and currently do not charge for individual or group music tuition.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school may ask parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to 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, the child is still allowed 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 and the school provides this information on request.

Activities for which the school may ask parents for voluntary contributions include:

- **visits to museums or other places of interest**
- **sporting activities which require transport expenses;**
- **outdoor adventure activities;**
- **visits to the theatre;**
- **musical events.**

We may also ask for voluntary contributions towards cooking and baking activities.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, there is a charge for the board and lodging element of the visit. Parents who are in receipt of certain benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of board and lodging for residential visits; a full list of these benefits is available from the school office.

Residential trips outside school time (weekends and holidays) are charged at the full cost. Parents who would like their child to go but find the cost prohibitive may receive financial support from the school.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this or for group and individual music tuition.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children while they are 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 when these lessons are to take place. Certificates of achievement are given to children who reach milestones; parents may be asked to pay a contribution towards the cost of a badge.

Kidzone

We make a small charge for our 'Kidzone' Breakfast Club and After School Club and for 'Lets Cook' clubs; other after school activities are free.

Holiday activities

A small charge is made for holiday activities that take place on school premises (including other schools in our local schools alliance). Visits made in holiday time are charged at the cost price per person.