



## **Middleton-in-Teesdale Primary School** **Charging and Remissions Policy**

### **I. Introduction**

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 certain 'optional extras' (see Voluntary Contributions).

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities, including school visits and clubs, can make towards all aspects of our pupils' education. The Governing Body would accordingly wish to promote and provide as far as possible such activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the benefit of pupils of the school.

Schools cannot charge for:-

Education provided during school hours relating to the National Curriculum (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment);

Education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education;

Tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education;

Entry for a prescribed public examination, if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school.

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge for the following activities which may from time to time be organised by the school:-

Any materials, books, instruments, or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him to own them;

Optional Extras (see Voluntary Contributions);

Individual or group music tuition (see 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.

2.2 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school which require voluntary contributions from parents / guardians. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. The list is not exhaustive:-

Visits to museums;

Activities which require transport expenses;

Outdoor adventure activities;

Visits to the theatre;

Musical events;

Any materials, books, instruments, or equipment provided in connection with the optional extra.

2.3 Any charge made in respect of individual pupils will not exceed the actual cost of providing the optional extra activity, divided equally by the number of pupils participating. It will not therefore include an element of subsidy for any other pupils wishing to participate in the activity whose parents are unwilling or unable to pay the full charge.

2.4 Participation in any optional extra activity will be on the basis of parental choice and a willingness to meet the charges. Parental agreement is therefore a necessary prerequisite for the provision of an optional extra where charges will be made. Children eligible for Pupil Premium funding will have the cost of the activity subsidised for this academic year.

### **3. Music Tuition**

3.1 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teacher teaches individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons at a discounted rate. Children eligible for Pupil Premium funding are exempt from payment but do not receive preferential treatment and must join any necessary waiting lists.

3.2 Children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

### **4. Optional Extras Charges**

4.1 Optional extra charges may be made for some activities which are detailed below:

Education provided outside of school time that is not:- part of the national curriculum;

Transport (other than transport that is required to take the pupil to school or to other premises where the local authority/governing body have arranged for the pupil to be provided with education);

Board and lodging for a pupil on a residential visit (subject to remission arrangements);

Extended day services offered to pupils (for example after school clubs where this is run under the responsibility of the governing body. Details are available via the office). See Appendix A for current Extended Day Services charges.

### **5. Breakages And Damage To School Property**

5.1 The Governing Body reserves the right to seek reparation from parents where their children cause breakages or damage to school property.

## **6. Lettings**

The school will make its facilities available to outside users at a charge of at least the cost of providing the facilities. The scale of charges will be determined annually by the Finance Committee.

## **REVIEW**

The Governing Body reserves the right to review and amend this policy statement from time to time, as appropriate.

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## **Appendix A: Extended Day Services Charges – September 2020**

### **After School Clubs**

All After School Clubs have currently been suspended.