



Nettleham CE (Aided) Junior School Charging and Remissions Policy



For all of us at Nettleham Church of England Aided Junior School the teaching, learning, attitudes and wellbeing of all our children are important. As a Christian school we believe that everyone should feel wonderful, amazing, loved, valued and unique, because God made us that way. We encourage all our children to achieve the highest possible standards and develop their skills to become lifelong learners.

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 individual or group music tuition.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS IN SCHOOL TIME

The school has an active programme of educational visits in all years. Parents are informed of the nature and purpose of each visit and asked to make a voluntary contribution towards its cost. They are informed that no child will be prevented from participating in such a visit on the grounds of inability or unwillingness to pay. We also inform parents that should insufficient contributions be received to make the visit viable we reserve the right to cancel it. Any costs arising because parents do not make a voluntary contribution will be met by the school fund.

Parents are always invited to come into school to discuss any problems they may have with contributions.

VISITS WHOLLY OUTSIDE SCHOOL TIME

Occasionally we will organise optional visits outside school time e.g. football matches, theatre trips. On such occasions details of the visit are sent to parents who have the opportunity to request places for their children. The cost is clearly stated and a payment to cover the cost requested. Approaches made to the school by parents who wish their children to participate but find the cost difficult to meet are always listened to sympathetically. Alternative arrangements for payment or direct support from the school are arranged at the discretion of the Head.

VISITING GROUPS TO THE SCHOOL

Occasionally theatre groups or individuals are invited into school to give a performance to a class, a year group or the whole school. On such occasions parents are notified of the nature and purpose of such a performance and asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost. No child is prevented from participating on grounds of inability or unwillingness to pay. Any shortfall in the cost is met by the school fund or by generous support of the PTA.

SWIMMING

We currently use the Lincoln Christ's Hospital School pool to provide swimming lessons for children. Each year Y6 and Y4 swim for a six week block. A voluntary contribution per session is requested to cover the costs of transport. No children are excluded because of inability or unwillingness to pay. Any shortfall is met by the school fund.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

The school organises a residential visit for Year 6 pupils, currently towards the end of the Summer term. This is a visit combining physical outdoor and indoor pursuits and Information Technology. All activities are supervised by trained instructors helped by our own teachers on the visit. Accommodation, full board and transport is provided.

Parents are provided with extensive information about the visit, both in letters and an information evening in the school. The visit is costed and voluntary contributions are requested to cover the cost. No child is excluded on the grounds of inability or unwillingness to pay.

Some parents and children do not wish to participate in the visit. If this is the case we discuss the matter and their wishes are ultimately respected. It should be said that this happens in a very small number of cases each year.

Every effort is made to help and support parents in their efforts to make a voluntary contribution e.g. variable payments by week, month or flexible payment. Any shortfall in the funding for the trip will be borne out of the school's financial resources.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC TUITION PROVIDED BY LCC

The school follows the LEA Music Support Service guidelines and charges each child a unit cost which is strictly determined by the size of the taught group and the length of time being taught.

The cost of music tuition is borne by the child's family.

There is a remission scheme in operation and any family in receipt of Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Job Seekers Allowance, Disability Living Allowance or Incapacity Benefit is only required to pay 50% of the cost.

HOT SCHOOL MEALS

The school provides hot school meals daily through the kitchens at William Farr School. The pricing is determined by the cost of the meals and associated staffing and administration costs. School is also minded that it does not wish to charge more than Nettleham Infants School who have the same provider and share a number of our families with ourselves.

School bills parents half termly in advance for the meals and parents currently have the option to choose the number of days per week they would like their child to have meals but are expected to commit to this for a half term in full.

Should the children miss a hot meal due to circumstances that arise from school decisions e.g. school trips or if parents give sufficient notice of an absence the cost of the missed meal is reimbursed.

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