



Nettleham Church of England Voluntary Aided Junior School

Charging and Remissions Policy



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**We are one big family and each member of our school is a vital part of it.
As an inclusive church school we nurture everyone to feel loved, valued and unique, because God made us that way. We are ambitious that all of our children love learning for life, make a difference in the world, reach their full potential and become the best version of themselves.
“You are the body of the anointed one and each of you is a unique and vital part of it.”
1 Corinthians 12:27 (passion translation)**

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

Parents will be provided with detailed information about the purpose and cost of each visit well in advance. The school will explore all possible funding options to support families in need, including signposting to external grants or charitable funds where available.

VISITS WHOLLY OUTSIDE SCHOOL TIME

For optional visits outside school hours, the school will provide clear information on costs, payment deadlines, and available support for families experiencing financial hardship. Payment plans can be arranged confidentially to ensure all pupils can participate.

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 Yarborough pool to provide swimming lessons for children. Each year 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.

The school will ensure that pupils who do not participate in residential visits are provided with an alternative educational experience during this time, ensuring equity of curriculum access.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC TUITION PROVIDED BY LCC

The school follows the LA 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 for any family in receipt of Universal Credit, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Job Seekers Allowance, Disability Living Allowance or Incapacity Benefit.

HOT SCHOOL MEALS

The school will regularly review meal pricing to ensure it remains competitive and affordable. Families eligible for free school meals will continue to receive support in line with statutory entitlements.

DISPUTES

In the event of a dispute regarding charges or contributions, the school will follow a clear complaints procedure aligned with the school's wider complaints policy, ensuring fairness and transparency.

REVIEW AND COMMUNICATION

This policy will be reviewed annually and communicated clearly to parents via the school website and at induction meetings to ensure awareness and understanding."

Last reviewed: March 2026

Next review due: March 2027