Everybody Learns - Everybody Cares

Bede Community Primary School's Charging & Remissions Policy

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The Headteacher and Governing Body recognise the value of providing a wide range of experiences to enrich and extend pupils' learning and to contribute to their personal development.

The Headteacher and Governing Body aims to promote and provide such experiences for the pupils of Bede Community Primary School, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and as additional optional activities.

However, many of these activities have an associated cost and cannot be provided unless voluntary contributions are received or parents are charged for the cost.

This policy sets out the circumstances in which charges will or will not be made for school activities and when charges may be waived to ensure that all pupils have an equal opportunity to benefit from school visits, curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Activities that take place during the normal school teaching time and form part of the national curriculum education of children are not charged for. However, parent/carers will be asked for a donation towards the cost of the following activities: -

a) Educational visits to places of study that may be arranged for children to coincide with a particular curricular focus.

b) Theatre/Cinema visits to assist with ticket purchase and travel costs.

c) We arrange full and half day visits for all our children throughout the year connected to the delivery of the Early Years and National Curriculum.

d) Residential Visits. Our Years 4 and 5 children are given the opportunity to visit Whithaugh Park Outdoor Education Centre. Our Year 6 children are given the opportunity to visit London. These visits have a strong educational emphasis and are regarded as an extension to our education of the 'whole child'.

d) Voluntary contributions may be sought to cover miscellaneous expenses related to occasional activities, e.g. Christmas parties, discos, film club etc.

e) For any activity that takes place outside school session time (e.g. theatre visits, sporting activities etc.) a charge will be made in relation to the costs incurred by the school.

f) Pupils are invited to participate in a range of after school activities. The school asks parents/carers for a £10.00 per term donation for their child to attend as many activities as they choose within this termly charging period.