

Shaftesbury Park Primary School Charging and Remissions Policy



"A Local School with a Global Perspective"

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1. Introduction

Shaftesbury Park School recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences, can make towards pupils' education.

The school aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

Any charges made by the school must meet the requirements of the education reform act 1996. The school endorse the guiding principles contained in the act, in particular that no child should have his/her access to the curriculum limited by charges.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that, during the school day, all children have full and free access to a broad and balanced curriculum. For the purposes of this policy, the school day is defined as Monday to Friday 8:55am-3:15pm.

3. Enrichment of the Curriculum

The school believes that activities such as swimming and educational visits (or visitors) are an extension to, and an enrichment of the curriculum.

The school will:

- Ensure that activities offered as part of the National Curriculum and wholly within normal school time should be available to all pupils, regardless of their parents' / carers' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- Invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the pupils or in support of any activity organised by the school, either in or outside school hours. All contributions are voluntary. If the school does not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, it may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children, whose parents have not paid any contribution. The school does not treat these children differently from any others.
- Charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.

4. Residential Visits

A residential visit organised by the school in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, will be chargeable. Charges will be made to cover the cost of any workshops, board, lodgings and travel expenses. If parents/carers are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to speak in confidence to the Assistant Headteacher - inclusion.

In the case of residential trips when the school has to make a commitment in advance, any deposit received from the parents/carers will be non-refundable. The school will give sufficient notice to allow parents/carers to pay by instalments. Parents/carers of children who receive free school meals are offered the option to make a reduced payment.

5. Music Tuition

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

Outside of the National Curriculum, pupils are given the opportunity to receive individual/small group tuition whilst at school. This is however a payable service through a private company. The school does not provide subsidies for this.

6. Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children. These take place in school time and are part of the national curriculum. We make no charge for the swimming lessons.

7. Breakages

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books or equipment on loan to pupils, the Headteacher may decide to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at the Headteacher's discretion.

8. Giraffe Nursery Self-Funded Places

Shaftesbury Park offers parents ineligible for a 2-year-old Early Education Place the option of paying for their child(ren) to attend. Children must attend for a minimum of 2 days per week. Current charges are available from the School Office.

9. Nursery Additional Hours Places

Additional Hours Places are available following the allocation of Nursery places. These additional nursery sessions are chargeable. Parents/carers of children who receive pupil premium are offered a reduced, subsidised rate.

10. Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club are held during the school week from 7:30 am to 6pm. Parents/Carers may apply for a place for their child(ren). Current charges are available from the school office.

11. After School Activities

The school runs a range of afterschool activities, some of which are chargeable. Parents/carers of children who receive pupil premium are offered a reduced, subsidised rate.

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