



WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL **Charges & Remissions Policy**

The Education Reform Act 1988 states that there are no statutory requirements to charge for any form of educational activity. The principle is that of free education.

The Governing Body of Wilkinson Primary School is sympathetic to the law but also wish to support the school in its policy of providing educational visits and having educational visitors into school. This is seen as vital in extending the educational provision in school.

However, the finance received by school is not sufficient to provide entirely for this. The Governing Body, therefore, have instituted a policy of requesting voluntary contributions from parents to enable such a valuable part of pupils' education to continue.

Voluntary contributions

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 visit. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the visit. If it goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school visit or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully, as long as written parents' permission is given. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

Residential Visits

When the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we ask for voluntary contributions.

Costs can include:

- Travel
- Board & Lodging (including staff costs)
- Materials, equipment
- Entrance fees to museums, theatres, castles etc

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. No charge is made for this.

Swimming

Children have access to our onsite swimming pool, in which children from all year groups can take part in swimming lessons. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

After School Activities

The school organises a rich menu of after school activities for which there is no charge.

School Meals

School meals are charged at £2.40 for pupils from Year 3,4,5,6. School milk is £15.00 from September 2023 per term for pupils aged 5 and over.

Wilkinson Care Facility

Charges apply for parents who wish to secure places for their children in the before and after school or holiday care facility.

Charges are as follows:

£2.50 per hour

£1.30 per half hour

£0.80 per quarter hour

Children who stay for longer than 5 hours the charge will be reduced to £2.25 per hour. Multiple children in a family using the facility will receive a 10% discount.

Nursery 30 hour places

Depending on Nursery numbers each September we may offer 30 hour places in Nursery to working parents which is fully funded. The school charge £2.20 per day for the lunchtime care for these pupils.

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