



Skidby Church of England Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Policy Statement

Our School Vision: A Christian school in a small community, making a big difference.

Thessalonians Chapter Five tells us; “*Encourage one another and build one another up*”

Our School Values

There are many Christian values, but our school vision is underpinned by our core values:

- developing **Respect** for all,
- creating **Resilience** in the face of new and challenging circumstances and
- taking **Responsibility** for our thoughts and actions.

Overview

Under the terms of the 1988 Education Act, education should, in the main, be provided free from charges.

At Skidby School our governors and staff accept this as a principle. The following Policy outlines our view and proposed actions in respect of charges and remissions.

Policy

Education for pupils will be free from charge if it:

- takes place in school hours
- is part of the National Curriculum.

Policy Exceptions

Exceptions to the above policy may include:

- Charges to cover the costs of any residential visits
- Some activities provided outside school hours may be charged for
- Charges for any music lessons
- Some school meals will be charged for. This price will be set annually, and parents notified of the charge by letter. If parents are in receipt of ‘Income Support’ or ‘Jobseekers Allowance’ their child may be eligible for free school meals. Parents are encouraged to complete the appropriate form and return this to the school office.
- Administration charges to cover the cost of providing any requested copies of school policy documents

- The school will sell sweatshirts to parents. The sweatshirts are part of the agreed school uniform. The cost of these items will always be kept to a minimum and no profit on sales will be made by the school.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions may be requested by our school on occasions either in cash or kind, for materials or ingredients used in various activities. If finished products are to be taken home by pupils a charge may be made.

The school holds its own fund-raising events from time to time. Sometimes they may support our own funds, but usually they support charities such as Comic Relief or the Poppy Appeal. Financial contributions to these events are entirely voluntary.

Voluntary contributions will be requested from parents where necessary to allow visits to take place that supplement and extend work included in the National Curriculum. In cases where there are insufficient voluntary contributions visits may be cancelled. Our school greatly appreciates all contributions made by parents over the past years which have allowed visits to take place.

The Governing Body reserves the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing items of school property which are broken, lost or damaged, where it is the result of a pupil's behaviour.

Financial difficulties

Where charges would cause financial difficulties for individual pupils, a reduced rate or no charge may be made at the discretion of the headteacher.

Alternative sources of funding may sometimes be available however parents will be encouraged to make whatever contribution they can.

No child will be excluded from any activity because of genuine financial difficulty.

Date adopted by the governing body: _____

Signed:

Chair of governors: _____

Headteacher: _____