

Beech Hill Primary School



School Charging and Remissions Policy

Reviewed: May 2025

Next Review: May 2027

Introduction

All education during normal school hours is free. There will be no charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. The school will ensure that on no occasion where charges may be levied, as for example, for residential or other visits, any pupil is disadvantaged solely by their inability to pay.

1. Voluntary Contributions and Fund Raising

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school may invite parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. Teachers and children may also organise fund raising events such as coffee mornings or sponsored events to fund visits.

2. Residential Visits

Schools cannot charge for:

- a) Education provided on any visit that takes place during school hours (provided by school)
- b) Education provided on any visit that takes place outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education
- c) Supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential visit.

We may charge for board and lodging – but the charge will not exceed the actual cost.

3. Music Tuition

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

4. Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for our Year 4 children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity.

5. Damage and Breakages

The school may ask parents to pay for damage to school property or equipment where this is a result of a pupil's misbehaviour.

6. Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is free of charge, all children are welcome to attend breakfast club.

7. Extra Curricular Activities

All sports coaching extra-curricular activities are offered free of charge.

8. School Meals

Dinner money is payable in advance for meals and therefore should be paid on Monday every week, or on the day. £3 per child meal.

Parents will be informed of any increases in the cost of school meals, guidance on meal prices is obtained from the LA.

Failure to pay for the meals taken will result in:

- a text reminder will be sent the following week.
- At the end of the second week, if payment is still outstanding, a letter will be sent saying that their child/ren CAN NOT take any more school meals until the arrears have been cleared.
- If this amount is not cleared within 30 days it will be referred to debt services.

May 2025