

Scole CEVC Primary School

Charging Policy

Charges for School Activities

Legislation allows schools to charge for certain activities, which take place both inside and outside, school hours. School governors have adopted Norfolk County Council's charging policy. These are the activities and materials for which parents will be charged:

- Music tuition: individual tuition in playing a musical instrument, which is neither part of the syllabus for an approved public examination, nor part of the National Curriculum.
- Ingredients and materials: ingredients and materials for practical subjects where parents have indicated in advance that they wish to receive the finished articles.
- Travel: the cost of travel when a pupil makes use of transport not provided by the authority or school, to travel direct from home to an activity approved of, but not provided by, the authority or school.
- Board and lodging: board and lodging will be charged in all cases where a school activity involves pupils in nights away from home.

Activities outside school hours

- A charge will be made for all non-residential activities, which take place wholly, or more than 50% outside school hours, where the child's participation has been agreed in advance by the parents. The charge will include the cost of travel, entrance fees, insurance, books, equipment and any staff (teaching or non-teaching) engaged specifically for the activity.

Remission of charges – pupils eligible for pupil premium funding may have all or part of the payment for additional activities covered through this funding. In addition, only parents who are in receipt of income support, income based jobseekers allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, child tax credit (provided that working tax credit is not also received and family's income does not exceed the sum given in Revenue & Customs rules) and guaranteed state pension are eligible for remission of charges. Remission of charges only applies to board and lodgings charges, which are levied directly by the LA or the school and where they relate to activities, deemed to take place wholly or partly in school hours.

Remission will not apply to such charges when they relate to activities wholly outside school hours, except if the activity is prescribed in a syllabus for a public examination, if it is prescribed by the National Curriculum or fulfils duties relating to Religious Education.

Parents who have difficulty meeting any charges should discuss the matter in confidence with the headteacher.

If a child is absent due to illness, the full contribution to an educational visit will be refunded but only after the school has been able to obtain a refund.

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Signature of Chair	