



Meadowhead Community Infant School and Nursery

CHARGES AND REMISSIONS FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Sections 109 to 119 of the Education Reform Act 1998 and DfE circular 2/89 set out the law on charging for school activities. The Act charges the governing body with formulating a policy on this issue.

Introduction

The governing body of Meadowhead Infant School emphasises its commitment to the continuing provision of free education for all. The governing body recognises, though, that certain optional activities may be organised by the school, either wholly or mainly outside school hours, which are not required as part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination and are not required to fulfil statutory duties relating to the national curriculum or to religious education and which may, therefore, be liable to a charge. Further, the governing body reminds parents that they are responsible for the provision of school uniform as set down in the school's policy on uniform. Parents are also liable for the cost of travel from home to the place of education when that travel is undertaken on transport not provided by the LA or school. Parents are liable to charges to meet the cost of an activity organised via a third party with the parents' consent and can be asked to meet the cost. On the agreement with the Headteacher, a small contribution may be asked of parents/carers to pay towards e.g. baking ingredients for cooking club or materials needed to produce a finished item in Art club, when the children will be consuming or using the end product.

School hours

The school day runs from 8.50am to 3.10pm.

(i) Non-residential activities

Where such an activity takes place, wholly or mainly outside school hours, then a charge will be levied to meet any cost incurred in offering that activity. It is school policy to pay in full the cost of any school-based activity for Looked After Children and to contribute to the facilitation of other out-of-school activities which can develop a life skill, e.g. swimming – according to the requirements on the child's PEP (Personal Education Plan).

(iii) Voluntary contributions – non-residential activities

The school may, from time to time, seek to organise an activity funded by the voluntary contributions of the parents of those children involved. The actual operation of these activities will depend upon sufficient funds being made available from the parents concerned.

(iv) Subsidies for school trips

(a) The participation of students on visits or trips is subject to the school's policy on visits or trips.

(b) If a pupil/parent states that he or she cannot go on a school visit due to lack of funds the school may give financial support on an individual merit basis.

(vi) Damage or breakage

Where, as a result of a student's unsatisfactory behaviour, damage to school instruments, fabric, materials or property occurs, a charge will be levied to enable the damage or breakage to be made good.

(vii) Breakfast Club

The School provides a breakfast club to all children, breakfast club opens from 7.45am Monday – Friday. A £1 fee is charged.

(viii) Additional Nursery Hours

Parents of a child/children eligible for 15 hours' free nursery provision may wish to pay extra for their child to attend the afternoon session. Payment will need to be provided upfront.

Our charges are detailed below

Afternoon session including lunch - £16

Afternoon session excluding lunch - £14 (parent to provide a packed lunch)

School dinners for nursery children - £2.90 per day

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