

Tenacres First School Charging and Remissions Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

2. Voluntary contributions

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

2.2 If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a full voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. 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.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums and other places of interest;
- sporting activities which involve transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- Musical events.

3. Music tuition

3.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

3.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons.

4. Swimming

4.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity but we do ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place

5. After School Clubs

5.1 Some after school clubs are organised in partnership with other organisations, e.g. Action Sport. There may be a small charge for these.

6. Activities this school charges for

Tenacres will charge for the following activities:

6.1 Breakfast Club

These sessions are run daily. The Breakfast Club is run by the school and its staff. There is a nominal charge for the children attending. The school makes no profit.

For regular activities, the charges for each activity will be determined by the school and reviewed in September each year. Parents will be informed of the charges for the coming year in September each year.

6.2 Residential visits We can charge for board and lodging on residential visits, but the charge must not exceed the actual cost.

Whenever a visit or activity is planned we endeavour to give parents the opportunity to pay voluntary contributions in instalments.

If parents have difficulties with making contributions, parents are urged to speak with Miss Marshall in confidence.