

Dallimore Primary & Nursery School

Charges and Remissions Policy for parents and carers

CHARGES FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Following the Education Reform Act 1983 the Governors of the school have determined the following policy with regard to charges for school activities.

The education provided by the school for its pupils should be free if it takes place wholly or mainly during school hours. Exceptions to charging that Dallimore may implement are:

- 1) Where materials are used in class and parents have given prior indication that they wish to retain the finished product eg) Christmas Craft sessions
- 2) Residential visits. Here charges may include the actual cost of board and lodgings and the actual cost of travel and activities. The school may reserve the right to add the cost of staff cover or supply cover to the charge.
- 3) Individual and small group instrumental tuition where parents will be charged actual cost.
- 4) A charge may be made for replacement or damaged items eg) books, keypads
- 5) Activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours such as After school clubs, trips etc.
- 6) Parents may also be invited to provide their child voluntarily with particular items in order to release resources from the school budget for other purposes such as stationery.
- 7) School can offer paid nursery sessions to parents who wish to use the Nursery either in the 2s Unit or in the 3/4s Nursery. School will always ensure that parents are using their free entitlement and that they are not eligible for any funded places. Sessions are full mornings or afternoons along with 'top up' hours to extend the funded 30 hr placements to full days.

However, whilst all effect should be made by the school to secure payment for items and payments should be chased if not made, no child will be knowingly placed at a disadvantage because of a parent's inability to pay. When arranging a chargeable activity, the Headteacher can make the judgement to waive part or all of the fee due if a parent applies in confidence for the remission of a charges. Authorisation of remission can only be authorised by the Head Teacher.

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