



Macaulay CE Primary School Charging and Remissions Policy

'I know who I am'

Our vision is to:

Create a nurturing community in the belief that every individual is uniquely and wonderfully created by God

Celebrate and adapt to the holistic needs of each child, inspiring them to fulfil their God-given potential

Join with families and church to guide and equip our children with the attitudes, skills and beliefs to participate thoughtfully in their wider communities

Introduction

The 1988 Education Act draws a distinction between the term 'charges' which are considered to be an obligatory cost, and 'voluntary contributions' which are self-explanatory.

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Voluntary Contributions

When organizing school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents and carers have not made any contribution.

If a parent or carer wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling, or unable, to make a voluntary contribution, the child will participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit.

We use Pupil Premium Funding to pay for trips for pupils receiving free school meals. A tick box on permission slips for trips informs the school office of a parent's or carer's entitlement to this support.

Subsidies from various sources, e.g. School Fund, PTA, voluntary organisations and other donations, will be considered to cover deficits. Surplus finance will be used via School Fund for the benefit of the children.

Whenever possible, the school will give sufficient notice to allow parents and carers to pay by instalments.

Parents and carers have a right to know how the cost of each trip has been arrived at. The school provides this information on request.

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 and includes visits to:

- Museums or historical sites
- Some sporting activities or venues
- Outdoor adventure centres
- Theatres
- Musical events
- Art galleries
- Sites of religious interest
- Sites of cultural interest

Residential visits

If the school organizes a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and transport. Parents of children who receive free school meals are offered the residential visit at a reduced price, the cost subsidised by charitable organisations (e.g. the Walcot Foundation) and Pupil Premium Funds.

Music Tuition

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

There is a charge for individual or small-group tuition, since this is an extra-curricular activity, and not statutory. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. We use Pupil Premium Funding to pay the cost of music lessons for pupils receiving free school meals.

Swimming

The school organizes swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part.

Lunch time/After School Sport and Creative Activities

The school offers additional activities after school and during lunch breaks. We charge for these sessions, to cover the cost of tutors and necessary resources. We use Pupil Premium Funding to pay for one after-school club per term for pupils receiving free school meals.

(Signed) _____ Dated _____
(Headteacher)

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(Chair of Governing Body)

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(Chair of Resources Committee of the Governing Body)

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