



Charging and Remissions Policy



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I confirm that this policy has been reviewed and adopted by the Local Monitoring Committee of St Erth Primary School.	
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St Erth CP School

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising 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 or carers 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 voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs to support the visit. Parents and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.
- 2.3 The school offer a range of additional activities that enhance the curriculum such as:
- visits to museums;
 - sporting activities which require transport expenses;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
 - visits to or by a theatre company;
 - musical events.

If the cost of these activities cannot be fully met by the school, we may ask parents and carers for a voluntary contribution to help cover expenses. This ensures all children can benefit from these opportunities.

3 Residential visits

- 3.1 If the school organises 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 expenses. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of travel, accommodation, food and other related expenses. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these contributions, the visit will have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons, but parents and carers in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in the school. 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 from parents and carers to cover the cost of

transport. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place, and we seek the written permission of parents or carers for their children to take part.

6 Extra – Curricular Activities

- 6.1 The school offers a variety of after-school activities, most of which are run by staff and are free of charge. If an external organisation provides a club, a small fee may be requested to cover costs. Parents and carers will be informed of any charges before signing up.

7 School minibus

- 7.1 We normally charge if children are transported in the minibus to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

8 Monitoring and review

- 8.1 This policy is monitored by the Local Monitoring Committee, and will be reviewed annually.