



# **ASTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **Charges & Remissions Policy**

**September 2024**

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## Introduction

This document has been formulated in accordance with the Education act, 1996, which requires the school's Governing Body to publish a policy on charging for school activities.

Aston C of E Primary School is committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all children, regardless of financial circumstances, and has established the following policy and procedures to ensure that no child is discriminated against by the offering of Education Visits, Residential Visits and Educational Extras.

### 1. Educational Visits

When organising educational visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school asks for voluntary contributions towards the cost of the visit. The school will make it clear that there is no obligation for parents to make a contribution, however some visits may not take place without sufficient funding. If a visit goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. These children will not be treated differently from any others and will be allowed to participate fully in the visit.

### 2. Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, no charge will be made for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board and lodgings.

All children will be encouraged to take part in the residential visit however it is not compulsory. Children who remain in school will be taught in another class.

### 3. Remissions

Educational Visits for children in receipt of Free School Meals, under the benefit system, may be funded in part through the Pupil Premium Funding.

Residential Visits for children in receipt of Free School Meals, under the benefit system, will be part funded through the Pupil Premium Funding.

To qualify children must be in receipt **at the time** of the educational / residential visit. This **does not** apply to the Universal Free School Meals which all children in Foundation 2 to Year 2 currently receive.

### 4. Music Tuition

All children study music during school hours as part of the National Curriculum. The school does not charge for this.

The Charges for Music Tuition (England) Regulations 2007 allow for charges to be made for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The charges will not exceed the cost charged to the school for the peripatetic music teachers.

### 5. Swimming

Since 1994, swimming and water safety has been a statutory element of the National Curriculum for physical education in England. All primary schools must provide swimming and water safety lessons in either Key Stage 1 or 2.

The school does not charge for this activity.

### 6. After School Clubs

After school clubs are free of charge if the school provides the activities in-house. If expertise or resources are bought in for a particular activity or after school club (eg Sports Coaches or ingredients for cooking), a charge may be made. School will subsidise the activities where possible.

All school run after school clubs for children in receipt of Free School Meals, under the benefit system, will be funded through the Pupil Premium Funding. To qualify children must be in receipt **at the time** of the educational / residential visit. This **does not** apply to the Universal Free School Meals which all children in Foundation 2 to Year 2 currently receive.

Before and After school clubs run by external providers are done so within their own charging framework. The school provides our facilities to them on a free lettings basis.

**Head Teacher**

Name: R Webster

Date: September 2024

**Chair of Governors**

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