Breadsall CE Primary School

Charges and Remissions Policy

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At Breadsall CE Primary School, we believe every human being is created in God's image and therefore should be treated with dignity and respect. We celebrate diversity and difference and work hard to ensure our pupils have opportunities to engage meaningfully with people of different cultures, faiths and traditions. All members of our school community are expected to behave respectfully at all times.

It is a primary aim of our school that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. We are a caring community, whose values are built on mutual trust and respect for all.

Under the provisions of the 1988 Education Reform Act, no charge may be levied by a school unless the Governing Body has drawn up a statement of its policy on Charging and Remissions. One of the basic principles of the act is that all education provided in school time must be free of charge. Activities which take place out of school time may be charged to parents.

The policy has to be seen against the background that voluntary contributions may be used to subsidise any activity taking place inside or outside of school time. However, for school time activities no child can be penalised because their parents are unable or unwilling to contribute voluntarily towards the cost.

In March 1989, Derbyshire County Council Education Committee considered and agreed a charging and remissions policy, which it invited Governing Bodies to have regard to in formulating their own policies. This policy statement related to all relevant activities within the scope of DFE Circular 2/89 concerning charges and remissions.

This policy reflects that of Derbyshire County Council.

Educational Visits in School Time

The Education Reform Act provides free education for all children. We cannot insist on payment for visits in school hours. Educational visits are an integral part of the curriculum and we can only ask for voluntary contributions towards trips. However, if sufficient funds are not available from these contributions, then the trip may have to be cancelled.

Residential Visits

Parents will be required to meet full costs. Children currently in receipt of free school meals will be able to claim free meals from Derbyshire County Council institutions such as Whitehall and Lea Green and the

school will help with payment through pupil premium funding if needed.

Activities outside school hours

Parents will be required to meet full costs. In cases of hardship, governors may consider other ways of raising funds to support these children or use the pupil premium grant if applicable.

Individual Music Tuition

The school engages the services of outside tutors within school hours at a charge to parents. EHCP pupils qualify for reduced funding for these lessons via DCC.

Materials for Practical Subjects

Parents should be encouraged to provide materials for practical subjects. A voluntary contribution may be asked for certain activities if the school has provided the materials. However, no child will be at a disadvantage by their parents' inability/reluctance to pay. In these cases, the school will pay.

Lost Equipment or Books

At the discretion of the Governors, parents may be expected to contribute to replace lost items of school property e.g. £3 towards the loss of a school reading book.

Breakages & damage to school buildings, furniture or property

This will be charged to parents/carers where it is a result of pupil's behaviour. Each case will be considered on an individual basis.

Please note that each case will be treated individually, with discretion, taking into account an individual's capacity