

Benfieldside Primary School Charging and Remissions Policy

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition, residential visits and occasional outside sports coaching.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips, and educational performances which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the event. If the event goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. Any shortfall is usually covered using School Funds.

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 in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. 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. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits ;
- sporting activities/other activities which require transport expenses;
- admission charges for e.g. public performances;
- visiting performances in school
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre/cinema;
- musical events

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 group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. The County Music Service makes a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

External Sports coaching

The school occasionally offers additional external sports coaching during school. A qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.

Residential Visits

Pupils are offered a chance to participate in a residential visit during KS2. This extends outside of normal school hours and as such the costs are passed onto parents. Wherever possible, the school subsidises the costs through use of school funds.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs run by school staff from the end of the school day may request a small fee to cover resources. There may also be a voluntary contribution requested towards the cost of any related excursions and transport costs.