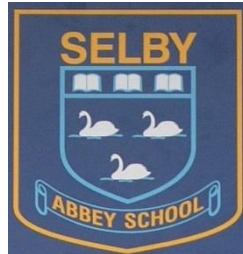


Selby Abbey CE Primary School

"I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10



CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

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John Weetman

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This policy has been informed by section 449 – 462 of the Education Act 1996 which set out the law on charging for school activities in schools maintained by the LA and the guidance document regarding music tuition charges. (The Charges for Music Tuition (England) Regulations 2007), which complements the information given in chapter 23 of 'A Guide to the Law for School Governors.

1 Rationale

1.1 At Selby Abbey CE Primary we want to provide a range of experiences which add excitement and enjoyment to children's learning and personal development. All our pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school visits, curricular and extra-curricular activities.

2 Introduction

2.1 All education during school hours is free. At Selby Abbey CE Primary we do not make a compulsory charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. However, instrumental or vocal tuition, which takes place during the school day, subject to the parent/carer requesting the tuition, will be charged for.

3 Voluntary contributions

3.1 When organising school trips or visits, 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 enough voluntary contributions, we may have no alternative but to cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

3.2 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, the child can participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school may pay additional costs to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

3.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums / galleries;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- theatrical groups invited into school; □ musical events.

4 Residential visits

4.1 It has been the practice to take children in Year 6 on a residential trip during their final year. For this a compulsory charge for the cost of board, lodging and transport during this residential was required from the parents concerned. (The cost did not exceed the actual cost of the provision).

1.1 There is no charge for educational activities carried out during a residential visit.

1.2 No charge is made for supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential visit.

5 Music tuition

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

5.2 Individual or group music tuition is offered through North Yorkshire County Music Service and payment for these lessons is made direct to the Music Service. Parents in receipt of state benefits will be charged a reduced rate for music lessons through this service.

6 Extra-Curricular Activities

All extra-curricular activities offered by the school staff are free of charge. Where external coaches, as in tennis and football, provide activities a charge may be made for these sessions.

7 Exceptional Circumstances

In exceptional circumstances, the school, after consultation with the governing body, may consider providing financial support on an individual basis for a paid activity.

8 Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation

The Finance, Staffing and Environment Committee of the governing body will monitor the impact of this policy by receiving, on a termly basis, a financial report on those activities that resulted in charges being levied, the subsidies awarded (without giving names) and the source of those subsidies.

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