

The Bliss Charity School

Charging and Remission Policy

Mission Statement

The Bliss Charity School aims to provide a caring, secure and enriching experience; each child is encouraged to develop strong personal, academic, physical and creative skills for lifelong learning.

As part of the children's curriculum studies at The Bliss Charity School, we encourage educational visits to enhance the children's learning. We also invite visitors in to school to share their knowledge/expertise with the children.

Under the Education Reform Act (1988), the school has to point out that payments are made on an entirely voluntary basis, and that there is no obligation to contribute.

However, the school wishes to make clear that there is no alternative source of funding for school. Visits and visitors will only take place when all pupils have permission to take part and when the necessary contributions are made.

Charges

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

- **School Journeys in School Hours**
The board and lodging element of approved residential activities deemed to take place in school hours.
- **Activities outside School Hours**
The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours.
- **Individual Instrumental Tuition**
The cost to the pupil for providing any instrumental tuition not part of normal LA peripatetic provision.
- **Charging in Kind**
The cost of materials, ingredients, equipment (or the provision of them by parents) for the following subjects: CDT, Science, and Art/Craft. The Governing Body reserves the right to charge for ingredients and materials or require them to be provided if the parents have indicated in advance that they wish to own the finished product.

General

The Governing Body may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a Voluntary Contribution towards the cost of additional activities which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contribution, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.

Remissions

Where the parents of a pupil are in receipt of income support or family credit, the Governing Body with the Trustees will offer to remit for any residential activity which is deemed to take place in school hours or where it forms part of the syllabus for the National Curriculum.

The Governing Body with the Trustees may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited, in confidence, for the remission charged in full or in part. Authorisation for such remission will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.