



## **Barningham CEVC Primary School** **Charging and Remission Policy**

### **1. Introduction**

1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

### **2. Voluntary contributions**

2.1 When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school, may on occasion, invite parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may 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. The cost of any activity will not exceed the actual cost divided equally among the pupils participating.

2.2 If a parent or carer 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 school can use Pupil Premium funding to help vulnerable groups join in these activities or trips.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums, theatres or historical sites
- cooking
- sporting activities which require transport expenses, including outdoor adventure activities
- school clubs organised by the School Sports Partnership (SSCo) and Premier Sports
- musical or special events or groups in school.

### **3. Residential visits**

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we may make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to write in confidence to the Head Teacher.

### **4. Music tuition**

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

4.2 When tuition is available, 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 and we may make a charge for these lessons. If parents or carers are experiencing financial difficulty, they are invited to write in confidence to the Head Teacher. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year, where provided.

### **5. Swimming**

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all LKS2 children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity.

Revised by: Stephany Hunter Head Teacher and agreed by the **Finance and Premises Committee**

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