



Thomas Fairchild Community School

# Charging and Remissions Policy

## **Policy Review**

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The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards the children's personal and social development. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the children. This charging policy has been compiled in line with DfE requirements and in accordance with s457 of the Education Act, 1996. The governors endorse the guiding principles contained in the Act, in particular that no child should have his/her access to the curriculum limited by charges.

### **Charges:**

1	Admissions	No charge will be made for admissions.
2	School Meals	No charge will be made for children's meals from Reception to Year 2 in accordance with the Universal Free Schools Meals Policy. A charge will be applied to children in Nursery plus Year 3 to Year 6 that are not entitled to FSM of £1.60 per day.
3	Public examinations	No charge will be made for the entry fee to any examination for which the pupil has been prepared at the school.
4	On site activities for pupils that take place during school hours (School hours are those when school is actually in session and do not include the break in the middle of the school day)	No charge will be made for activities provided during school hours (with the exception of music tuition and fencing)

5	Activities for pupils that take place outside school hours (non- residential)	<p>No charge will be made for an activity that takes place outside school hours when it is;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a necessary part of the curriculum</li> <li>b) part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school</li> </ul>
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6	Day trips off site	<p>We may request a voluntary contribution towards the cost of any activity that takes place during school hours which is off site. Where we make a charge, the total collected will not exceed the cost of providing the activity and no parent will be asked to subsidise the cost to other pupils by paying more than an amount equal to the total cost of the activity divided by the number of pupils participating.</p>
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7	Residential (School Trips)	<p>Residential classified as being within school hours if the number of school sessions missed by the pupils is at least 50% of the number of half days spent on the trip</p> <p><b><u>Board and Lodging</u></b></p> <p>We will charge pupils an amount up to the full cost of board and lodging on residential whether it is classified as taking place within or outside school hours.</p> <p><b><u>Travel</u></b></p> <p>If the residential is classified as being within school hours, no charge will be made for travel costs.</p>
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8	Extended Day (After – School Clubs) Provision	<p>We will charge families for any Extended Day Provision offered to children after school (After-School Clubs). The level of fees are set and remissions are set in line with eligibility of FSM. Current After –School clubs where charges are made include:</p>
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		<p>Cycling  Cooking  Street dance  Reading  Ballet  Art  Basketball  Football  Gardening  Athletic</p> <p>Clubs are reviewed termly</p>
9	Breakfast Club	<p>We will charge parents for childcare and breakfast offered to children before school to attend our Breakfast Club. <b>A fee is currently not applied as we are sponsored by Greggs but this will be reviewed annually.</b></p>
10	School Uniform	<p>Parents can purchase uniform directly from the school. The charge to parents is for the cost of itemised uniform at a retail cost that the school purchase direct from the manufacturers. Parents are also able to purchase uniform direct by using the on-line ordering service.</p> <p>School uniform is non-profitable and no additional costs are administered.</p>
11	Remissions concessions and	<p>Where the parents of a child are unable to meet anyone of the charges the school may make, they can apply in confidence to the Headteacher for the remission of charges in part or full. We may choose to subsidise, in full or part, charges for certain activities and pupils as determined by the Headteacher.</p>