



# ***Middlefirth Church of England Primary School***

School Charging and Remissions Policy	
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*Let Your Light Shine - Matthew 5:16*

Through the School Charging and Remissions Policy the school will promote and teach the values we learn based on the example of the Christian faith:

- Forgiveness
- Respect for self and others
- Reconciliation and redemption
- Truth and honesty
- Trust and fairness
- Tolerance and compassion
- Self-discipline
- Respect for property and the environment
- Politeness

Such values, in turn, promote not only the Christian ethos and aims of Middleforth Church of England Primary School, but assist in the preparation of the children for the responsibilities and duties of adult life.

### **Vision**

As a caring, Christian community, we aspire to 'let our light shine'. We will open up the world to celebrate God's wonderful creation and foster a sense of awe and wonder.

We will nurture our God given talents to ensure that everyone reaches their full potential academically, socially and spiritually.

**'Let your light shine Matthew 5.16'**

## **SCHOOL CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The charging and remissions policy is subject to annual review to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

### **CHARGING POLICY**

#### **Activities without charge**

There will be no charge for the following activities:

- Education provided wholly or mostly during school hours. This includes the supply of any materials, books, instruments, other equipment and also transport provided in school hours to carry pupils between the school and an activity;
- Education provided outside school hours if it is part of the national curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination which the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education;
- Instrumental and vocal music tuition for pupils learning individually or in groups, unless the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent / carer.

#### **Voluntary Contributions**

The school may ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of school-time activities to assist with funding, subject to the following conditions:

- Any children of parents who do not wish to contribute will not be treated any differently;
- Where there are insufficient contributions to make the activity viable, or the school cannot fund it from some other source, then the activity will be cancelled.

All requests to parents for voluntary contributions will make it clear that the contributions are voluntary and that there is no obligation to contribute.

## **Chargeable Activities**

The school may recover the full costs of the following activities but charges will not exceed actual cost:

- Any materials, books, instruments, or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him/her to own them;
- Optional extras (see below);
- Music and vocal tuition, in limited circumstances. (See Appendix B);
- Certain early years provision (see the Education (Charges for early years provision) regulations 2012);
- Community facilities. (See s27 education act 2002).

## **Optional Extras**

Charges may be made for some activities which are detailed below:

- Education provided outside of school time that is not:
  - part of the national curriculum;
  - part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school;
  - part of religious education.
- Transport (other than transport that is required to take the pupil to school or to other premises where the local authority/governing body have arranged for the pupil to be provided with education);
- Board and lodging for a pupil on a residential visit (subject to remission arrangements)
- Extended day services offered to pupils (for example breakfast club, after-school clubs, tea and supervised homework sessions where this is run under the responsibility of the governing body).

In calculating the cost of optional extras an amount may be included in relation to:

- Any materials, books, instruments, or equipment provided in connection with the optional extra;
- The cost of buildings and accommodation;
- Non-teaching staff;

- Teaching staff engaged under contracts for services purely to provide an optional extra, this includes supply teachers engaged specifically to provide the optional extra; and
- The cost, or an appropriate proportion of the costs, for teaching staff employed to provide tuition in playing a musical instrument, or vocal tuition, where the tuition is an optional extra.

Any charge made in respect of individual pupils will not exceed the actual cost of providing the optional extra activity, divided equally by the number of pupils participating.

## **REMISSIONS POLICY**

There will be no board and lodgings charges for pupils whose parents/carers are receiving specified benefits. This is subject to change but usually equates to pupils being eligible for free school meals.

Charges for other 'chargeable activities' may be fully or partially remitted. Where appropriate Governors approve the use of the delegated budget and other funding streams such as Pupil Premium to allow 'chargeable activities' to be fully or partly remitted.

Details of remission arrangements will be stipulated when parents are advised of charges for individual activities.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Wraparound Care Charges, September 2023**

Breakfast Club

7.30-8.45am: £4

Early Bird Drop-off at 8.30am: £1

Afterschool Club

3.15-4.30pm: £4

3.15-5.30pm: £8

Bookings must be made in advance via Scopay (other than Early Birds). Same day cancellations will not be refunded.

Afterschool sports clubs such as multi-sports and rugby

3.15-4.15pm: £4

Nursery lunchtime care

11.45-12.30pm: £4

## APPENDIX B

### MUSIC TUITION

Link to Government guidance: -

[https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/2239/pdfs/ukxiem\\_20072239\\_en.pdf](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/2239/pdfs/ukxiem_20072239_en.pdf)

Although the law states that, in general, all education provided during school hours must be free, instrumental and vocal music tuition is an exception to that rule.

The Charges for Music Tuition (England) Regulations 2007 set out the circumstances in which charges can be made for tuition in playing a musical instrument, including vocal tuition.

Charges may now be made for vocal or instrumental tuition provided either individually, or to groups of any size, provided that the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent. Charges may not exceed the cost of the provision, including the cost of the staff who provide the tuition.

The regulations make clear that charging may not be made if the teaching is either an essential part of the national curriculum, or is provided under the first access to the key stage 2 Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Programme. They also make clear that no charge may be made in respect of a pupil who is looked after by a local authority (within the meaning of section 22(l) of the Children Act 1989). [Children Act 1989 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)