

EXMOOR LINK FEDERATION

(East Anstey and Bishops Nympton Primary Schools)

REMISSION OF FEES AND CHARGING POLICY

The governing body endorses the right to a full and free education for all pupils. However, we recognise the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, trips and residential experience, can make towards the pupils' personal and social education. We aim to promote and provide such activities, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and as additional optional activities.

In general we do not make charges for activities deemed to be part of the normal curriculum. These include most sporting activities, as well as most enrichment activities which take place *within* the school and *during the school day*.

Charges

The governing body, acting through the headteacher, reserves the right to make charges in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

- School trips in school hours (including swimming)
- The full cost (both board & lodging and activity elements) of residential activities deemed to take place within school hours
- The cost of activities deemed to be optional extras to the curriculum whether on or off-site
- Activities outside of school hours which incur a cost
- A contribution towards the cost of materials which may be deemed extra to the curriculum, e.g. cooking ingredients

Remissions

Where a pupil in receipt of pupil premium, a remission of 50% will be applied for any event where payment is being requested. Families will be notified that their children attract pupil premium.

In addition, in other cases of financial hardship (e.g. multiple children), that do not automatically qualify for subsidy, the school may help towards the cost of certain activities. Parents should approach the headteacher if this is the case, and each application will be considered on merit.

Voluntary Contributions

Some valuable activities which the school aims to provide require financial support from parents to fund them. These include trips and outings and occasionally specialist enrichment visits into school.

When such contributions are sought there is no obligation to contribute. Registered pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to a request. However certain activities will not be able to take place unless an adequate level of support is achieved, and parents will be clearly informed of this.

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