

# Beresford Memorial CE (VA) First School



## Charging and Remissions Policy

2015 -2016

### Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

### Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. 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.

If a parent 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, and the school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of examples of additional activities, organised by the school, which may require voluntary contributions from parents.

- visits to museums;
- School trips;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses, including swimming;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- musical events.

### Music tuition

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

There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

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### **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, but we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents to cover the cost of transport.

### **Sporting Activities**

The school may offer additional sports coaching after school. If a qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions we make a small charge to cover the costs.

### **Monitoring and review**

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed annually.