



Bowling Park's Charging and Remissions Policy

September 2016

At Bowling Park Primary, we endeavour to provide a fair and honest system of charging which reflects the needs of our families and the school.

With this in mind, we have produced a policy which we believe allows all children to access the best educational experiences and resources that we can provide.

In September 2016, we launched 'Parent Pay', which allows parents to pay for dinner money and school trips online and through our new app. We hope that this makes it easier for parents to pay for school expenses. While we hope that we can eventually become a cashless school, we will continue to accept cash payments for as long as parents find the service useful and/or necessary.

Voluntary Contributions

- When organising school trips or residential to enrich the curriculum and provide additional experiences for children, school may invite parents to make a voluntary contribution to the cost.
- School carefully considers the cost of the trip before booking and would always consider the impact of a voluntary contribution on families.
- Bowling Park regularly and consistently subsidises trips and additional experiences to ensure the voluntary contribution from parents is as low as possible.
- If a family is unable to make a contribution to the cost of their child's trip/activity, we will do everything we can to ensure that the child can still participate fully in the trip/activity.
- Activities which may require a voluntary contribution include trips such as:
 - Visits to museums, farms, parks and galleries etc
 - Sporting activities which require transport
 - Outdoor adventure activities
 - Musical events
 - Residential
- On occasion, we may also hold fund raising activities in school, for example Children in Need or the School Fayre. There is no requirement for families to give money in these instances, but any donations are, of course, warmly welcomed. We will always inform parents what the money is going to be used for – whether this be a donation to a worthy charity or to raise money for our school fund. This information will be communicated to families via the newsletter.
- Due to the nature of residential and the fact that they provide a larger number of activities across a few days, it may be required to ask for a greater voluntary contribution. In this case, school will always allow parents to contribute to the cost in instalments.
- We will never ask for contributions towards the education that we provide during school hours that is part of the National Curriculum. This includes the supply of any materials, books and equipment.

If you are struggling to pay for your child's school expenses, including voluntary contributions for trips, dinner money, uniform costs etc, please let us know. We will always be on hand to offer advice and help.

Reviewed by Senior Leadership Team – September 2016

Signed by Governing Body.....Paul Johnson.....Date:.....12.9.16.....