



Meath Green Infant School

Charging and Remissions Policy

1. Introduction

The governing body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs and educational visits, can make towards pupils' personal and social development. Our school aims to:

- have a clear process in place for charging and remissions
- clearly set out the types of activity that can be charged for and when charges will and will not be made
- offer a range of activities and visits whilst minimising the financial barriers that may prevent some pupils from taking full advantage of these opportunities

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on charging for school activities and the Education Act 1996 that sets out the law on charging for school activities in England.

2. Charges

The governing body reserves the right to ask for a voluntary donation in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

- the cost of materials, ingredients and equipment for enrichment activities to enhance children's learning
- any materials, books, instruments or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him or her to own them

From time to time, the governing body may amend the categories of activity for which a charge is made.

A number of external providers offer a range of before and after school clubs for which there is a charge.

3. Remissions

For children eligible for Pupil Premium, the school will cover the cost of class outings that are deemed to take place within school hours e.g. educational visits. In addition, there may be cases of family hardship that make it difficult for children to take part in particular activities for which a charge is made. When arranging a chargeable activity, the governing body will invite parents to apply in confidence for the remission of charges in part or in full. The headteacher, in consultation with the Chair of Governors, will make authorisation of remission.

4. Voluntary Contributions

The school is able to ask for voluntary contributions from parents/carers to fund activities that would not otherwise be possible. Some activities for which the school may ask parents for voluntary contributions include school trips and some sports activities. There is no obligation for parents to make any contribution, and no child will be excluded from an activity if their parents are unwilling or unable to pay. If the school is unable to raise enough funds for an activity or visit, it will be cancelled.

Date Policy Ratified by the Governing Body	1st October 2025
Review Period	Annually
Date of Next Review	September 2026