

# FECKENHAM CE FIRST SCHOOL



## Charging and Remissions Policy 2020

### Basic Principles

No charge can be made for education during school hours. The definition of 'education' includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Authority or the school to carry pupils between the school and the activity. 'School hours' are those when the school is in session.

School trips, visits and practical activities enhance the pupils' learning and broaden their knowledge and experience. These are undertaken with the contributions of parents. No pupil will be excluded from an activity because his or her parents cannot or will not make a contribution. The school will use budget, seek support from the Friends of Feckenham First School and Parish Charities to fund some activities.

### Exception

There are exceptions to the rule about not charging for activities in school hours. Charges may be made for teaching either an individual pupil, or pupils in groups of up to any size (provided that the size of the group is based on sound pedagogical principles) to play a musical instrument or sing. Charges will only be made if the teaching is not an essential part of the national Curriculum or a Public Examination syllabus being followed by the pupils, or the first access to the Instrumental or Vocal Tuition programmes. Where a charge is made there will be no refunds for missed lessons although school will work closely with music teachers to offer catch up lessons. School will offer support for vulnerable children and those receiving free school meals through the pupil premium and bursary schemes.

### Voluntary Contributions

Parents may be invited to make contributions to support activities that would not be possible within the school budget. If a particular activity cannot take place without some help from parents, this will be explained at the planning stage. If a planned activity has to be cancelled any monies received will be returned. Parents may be asked to make contributions to school trips, visits or for practical activities such as technology. These contributions will not exceed the actual cost. Where an outside provider is used for out of school activities a contribution will be sought. School will have the right to cancel an activity if there are insufficient contributions to make the activity possible.

Parents will be asked to make a contribution towards replacing damaged or lost school property caused wilfully or negligently by their children.

### Residential Activities

We ask for parental contributions towards the cost of travel, board and lodging. Educational activities that fall within the school day and are seen as part of the curriculum entitlement will be provided from school budget.

Children from the most vulnerable groups and those receiving free school meals will be supported through the pupil premium and local charity support.

The Headteacher will inform parents of the how to access the support they need.

Agreed by Feckenham CE First School Governing Body on 25.11.20