

# Norton Junior School – Charging Policy



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Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996 set out the law on charging for school activities in schools maintained by local authorities in England. Academies (including free schools) are required through their funding agreements to comply with the law on charging for school activities.

The purpose of this policy is to set out the school's charging and remission practice for school activities and visits.

- a) **In lessons where there is a finished product** i.e. cookery or design technology, parents may be asked for their agreement to either provide the materials or pay for the cost of the materials, and the child will then keep the product.
- b) **Board and lodging** will be charged for on residential trips. However, parents in receipt of the following benefits may be able to claim remission of these charges:
  - a. Income Support (IS)
    - Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJA);
    - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
    - Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16190 (Financial Year 2013/14);
    - The guarantee of State Pension Credit; and
    - An income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008.
- c) Charges may be made for individual pupils who receive **specialist music tuition** from qualified peripatetic music teachers, provided that tuition is at the request of the pupil's parent/carer. This specialist tuition is in addition to the whole school curricular music lessons, for which no charge is made.

Norton Junior School currently offers Guitar and Drum lessons with a charge of £6 per pupil, per week, per shared lesson (2:1 ratio) or £11.00 per pupil, per week, for a private lesson (1:1 ratio).

We hope to be able to continue our policy of regular outside visits but these will only be able to continue if parents agree to make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost. If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a particular visit, or the school cannot fund it from some other source, then it may be necessary to cancel the planned enrichment activity.

