



Corbridge C of E First School Charging and Remissions Policy

Rationale

In accordance with sections 450-461 of the Education Act 1996, the Governing Body make no charge for education or educational activities provided during school hours as part of the published curriculum. However, the Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards the personal and social education of pupils. The Governing Body therefore reserve the right to levy charges for the following activities arranged by school which will not exceed the actual cost of the activity.

Residential Courses

The full cost for activities including residential visits which take place beyond school hours will be charged to parents. The charge will be made for the actual cost of board and lodgings, travel and insurance.

The Governors may provide remission from the charge for board and lodgings to pupils whose families are in receipt of Income Support, Family Credit, Disability Working Allowance or Jobseekers Allowance.

Music

If pupils make use of an instrument provided by the school or the Local Authority a charge may be made in respect of the maintenance of the instrument in accordance with the LA published scale of charges. A charge may be made in respect of the cost of tuition for small group or individuals though curriculum whole class tuition will not be charged.

Educational Visits

The Governing Body recognises the importance for pupils in having access to a breadth of experiences and opportunities to enrich and support the curriculum. For example, visits to art galleries, museums, theatre trips, swimming etc.

These visits could be described as desirable but not essential and as such a voluntary contribution is requested from parents. No child will be discriminated against where parents cannot or choose not to pay. All children will have equal access to trips, visits and swimming lessons.

Where there are not enough voluntary contributions and there is no way to make up the shortfall (e.g. Fundraising/School Fund) then an activity may have to be cancelled.

Nursery Charges

Corbridge Church of England First School accepts children into Nursery for their pre-school year (the school year they turn 4). All children are offered up to 30 hours of childcare, which includes the funded 15 or 30 hours childcare from the government.

Government funding is intended to pay for 15 hours a week of high quality, flexible childcare for all 3-4 year olds. The 15 hours must be able to be accessed free of charge to all parents. You can use this offer alongside the working parent entitlement to receive a total of 30 hours, if you are eligible.

Government funding does not cover:

- Meals;
- Nappies;
- Additional hours;
- Additional activities, such as trips.

All costs are detailed below.

Some families choose to split their funded hours between settings. Please contact the school office to discuss this further and find out how it can work for your family.

| Description | Unit | Unit price |
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| Free entitlement hours –15/30 hours per week. All 3 to 4 year olds in England can get up to 570 funded hours per year from the term after your child turns 3 years old through to starting school. This is usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year. You can use this offer alongside the working parent entitlement to receive a total of 30 hours, if you are eligible. | Weekly | Free |
| Additional hours purchased – varies depending on needs of families. These are purchased in addition to the 15 hours free entitlement where families need extra childcare. | Weekly | £5 |
| Meals/snacks A healthy snack (fruit or vegetable) is provided free of charge. An optional hot, two-course meal is provided daily by the school kitchen. | Daily / Weekly / Per meal | £2.50 |
| Consumables (for example, nappies and sun cream) Parents provide these. | N/A | £0 |
| Additional voluntary services Voluntary contributions are asked for when trips out of school are arranged e.g. to the farm or the theatre. | Ad Hoc | Ad Hoc |

Tax Free Childcare, Universal Credit Childcare and other schemes (e.g. student bursaries) can be used to claim back some of the costs. Please speak to the school office if this applies to you.

If you do not wish to pay for specific consumables, for example because you wish to provide your own, please make your nursery aware so next steps can be discussed.