



Bearwood Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Date of last review:	November 2024
Date of current review/adopted:	October 2025
Date of next review:	October 2026
STATUTORY POLICY	

HISTORY OF AMENDMENTS – School Owned Policy		
	Date	Description
1	November 2023	No Required Changes
2	November 2024	No Required Changes
3	September 2025	No Required Changes
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1. Charges

The school will apply any charges levied by the LA for services which it provides and also the remission arrangements which the Authority considers appropriate. The school reserves the right to levy a charge in any circumstances permissible under the Education Reform Act.

2. Voluntary Contributions

Parents may be asked to make voluntary contributions for any visit or journey organized by the school and approved by the governors. If a non-residential activity is within school time, no child will be excluded because of their parents' inability to contribute. The school reserves the absolute right to determine whether the level of voluntary contributions is sufficient to enable the activity to take place.

3. Remissions

Parents who are in receipt of income-based job seekers allowance, income support or family credit may be eligible for assistance with funding. Any further remission of charges will be at the absolute discretion of the governors.

4. Breakages

The governors reserve the right to ask parents to contribute to the cost of replacement items incurred as a result of breakages, loss or damage, books, equipment, material other than the normal fair wear and tear.

5. Practical Activities

Where parents indicate in advance that they wish to own the finished product of a practical activity, they may be asked to provide or pay for ingredients, materials, equipment, etc. that is needed. No child will be at a disadvantage because of a parent's unwillingness or inability to contribute in this way.

6. Peripatetic Music Lessons

Music tuition can be arranged through Berkshire Maestros. This is an 'optional extra' and so funding is the responsibility of individual parents/guardians. The school is able to subsidise lessons for children whose parents are in receipt of support. All musical instruments are brought into school at the owner's risk. Private insurance should be arranged as the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to instruments on the school premises.

7. Swimming

Swimming lessons provided for children are funded by the school. Voluntary contributions are used to cover transport costs.

8. Residential Visits

Charges for these activities are based on the 'actual cost' per pupil and includes the cost of the board and lodging fees, travel and insurance.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in the light of changes in legislation or experience in school.