

Grindleton CE Aided Primary School



Charging and Remissions Policy October 2023

At Grindleton School we wish to secure the happiness and safety of all our children and staff. This policy is designed with our Christian Vision in mind.

'In the same way, let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.' Matthew 5 v16

Grow and shine in God's glory.

This charging and remissions policy is subject to annual review to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

Activities without charge

There will be no charge for the following activities:

- education provided wholly or mostly during school hours. This includes the supply of any materials, books, instruments, other equipment and also transport provided in school hours to carry pupils between the school and an activity;
- education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination which the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education;
- instrumental and vocal music tuition for pupils learning individually or in groups, unless the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent /carer.
- entry for a prescribed public examination including re-sits provided that a pupil has been prepared for it at the school
- examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit at the school

Voluntary Contributions

The school may ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of school-time activities to assist with funding subject to the following conditions:

- any children of parents who do not wish to contribute will not be treated any differently;
- where there are insufficient contributions to make the activity viable, or the school cannot fund it from some other source, then the activity will be cancelled.

Chargeable Activities

The school may recover the full costs of the following activities but charges will not exceed actual cost:

- any materials, books, instruments, or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him/her to own them;
- optional extras (see below)
- music and vocal tuition, in limited circumstances (see appendix B);
- certain early years provision (see the Education (Charges for Early Years Provision) Regulations 2012);
- community facilities. (See s27 education act 2002)

Optional Extras

- education provided outside of school time that is not:
 - part of national curriculum;
 - part of syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at school;
 - part of religious education.
- transport (other than that is required to take the pupil to school or to other premises where the local authority/governing body have arranged for the pupil to be provided with education);
- board and lodgings on residential visits (subject to remission arrangements).
- extended day services offered to pupils (for example breakfast club, after-school clubs and supervised homework sessions where this is run under the responsibility of the governing body)

In calculating the cost of optional extras an amount may be included in relation to:

- any materials, books, instruments, or equipment provided in connection with the optional extra;
- the cost of buildings and accommodation;
- non-teaching staff;
- teaching staff engaged under contracts for services purely to provide an optional extra, this includes supply teachers engaged specifically to provide the optional extra; and
- the cost or an appropriate proportion of the costs, for teaching staff employed to provide tuition in playing a musical instrument, or vocal tuition, where the tuition is an optional extra.

Remissions Policy

Charges for other 'chargeable activities' may be fully or partially remitted. Where appropriate Governors approve the delegated budget and other funding streams such as Pupil Premium to all 'chargeable activities' to be fully or partly remitted.

Educational Grants

Grindleton Consolidated Charities promotes the education, including the religious education of persons 25 years of age and under who are, or whose parents are, resident in the Parish of Grindleton. Also such persons who may be in need of financial assistance due to hardship or distress, may approach the Charity in confidence. All enquiries should be directed to the Clerk of GCC – Mary-Ann Renton by email to maryann.renton2@btinternet.com

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Link to Government guidance: -

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/2239/pdfs/ukxiem_20072239_en.pdf

Although the law states that, in general, all education provided during school hours must be free, instrumental and vocal music tuition is an exception to that rule.

The Charges for Music Tuition (England) Regulations 2007 set out the circumstances in which charges can be made for tuition in playing a musical instrument, including vocal tuition.

Charges may now be made for vocal or instrumental tuition provided either individually, or to groups of any size, provided that the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent. Charges may not exceed the cost of the provision, including the cost of the staff who provide the tuition.

The regulations make clear that charging may not be made if the teaching is either an essential part of the national curriculum, or is provided under the first access to the key stage 2 Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Programme. They also make clear that no charge may be made in respect of a pupil who is looked after by a local authority (within the meaning of section 22(l) of the Children Act 1989). [Children Act 1989 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/2239/pdfs/ukxiem_20072239_en.pdf)