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Charging and Remissions Policy

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Our Vision

Our vision is to create the best possible environment in which to stimulate the personal and social growth of the children in our school, whilst promoting high quality teaching and learning. This is to be achieved through our Rainbow Values and our vision to be an 'EPICentre of Outstanding Learning' At the EPICentre of our school are our core values (colours of the Rainbow) and learning behaviours that underpin everything we strive to achieve together.

The governing board of our school make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who are pupils at our school.

The Staff and Governing Board of Exminster Community Primary School recognises its' collective responsibility to safeguard and protect the welfare of children and young people in accordance with its statutory responsibility under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 and where appropriate under the Children Acts.



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The School has an agreed charging policy. In line with current legislation, the only activities during the school day (9.00am to 12 noon and 1pm to 3.30pm) for which it is legal to make a charge are:

1. Tuition for learning to play an instrument
2. Board and lodging for a visit which involves an overnight stay.

It is our policy that all families are charged the full rate for peripatetic music lessons. However, a fund is available within the school budget share to support children whose families are unable to afford these lessons.

During the school day all activities that are a necessary part of the National Curriculum plus religious education will be provided free of charge with the exception of swimming lessons. Although these are part of the PE National Curriculum a voluntary contribution will be requested for the hire of the pool, qualified instructors and transport.

The school organizes a range of educational visits each year including residential visits and other visits relating to ingoing project/topic work. Apart from board and lodging on residential visits, we are only able to ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of organising these activities.

From time to time we may invite a non-school based organisation such as a visiting drama group to arrange an activity during the school day. Such organisations may wish to charge parents, who may, if they wish, ask the Headteacher to agree to their child being absent for that period.

Letters to parents contain the following wording –

“In order for this visit to take place it is necessary to ask for a voluntary contribution of £..... towards the cost. No child who wishes to take part will be excluded through non-payment of this contribution. However, the school has no other source of funding for this visit and unless contributions are forthcoming, the visit will not be able to take place.”

When charges are made for any activity, whether during or outside the school day, they will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of pupils participating. There will be no levy on those who can pay to support those who can't or won't pay. There will be support for cases of hardship.