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# Hillstone Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy 2022





The Trustees recognise the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards the children's personal and social development e.g. residential, trips, drama, music and sports. The Trustees aims to promote and provide such activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the children.

We believe that all our pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits (curriculum and extra curriculum) independent of their parents'/carers' financial means.

This policy describes how we will do our best to ensure a good range of visits and activities is offered and, at the same time, try to minimise the financial barriers which may prevent some pupils taking full advantage of the opportunities.

### **Charging Policy**

Any charges made by the school must meet the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1996. The governors endorse the guiding principles contained in the Act, in particular that no child should have his/her access to the curriculum limited by charges.

### **Charges**

The Trustees reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances:

- **Trips** – the Trustees may ask parents for a contribution towards the cost of any trip that takes place during school hours.
- **Residential Trips** – are organised for years 2 to 6. The Trustees will charge for residential trips to ensure the cost of the residential are met. Every child will be given the opportunity to attend at least one residential. If a parent does not pay for a residential, the child will not be penalised and removed off the trip, however they will not be able to attend any other residential, until the previous residential is paid and the new residential is paid in full and in advance.
- **Clubs** – The Trustees will ask parents to contribute toward the cost of any extra curriculum activity. This is to ensure the cost of the club is met. These fees must be paid in advance of accessing the provision.
- **Music** – The Trustees will ask parents to contribute towards the cost of any extra curriculum music activity. Hillstone Primary acknowledges that the actual expense involved in these classes and yearly sets aside additional funds to help with the costs. These fees must be paid in advance of accessing the provision.
- **Breakfast Club** - The Trustees annually reviews and updates breakfast club costs and value for money. The current cost is .40p per session, per child.
- **After School Care** – The Trustees annually reviews and updates the after-school care costs and value for money. The current cost is £8.00 per session, per child.
- **Nursery Fees** – The Trustees annual reviews and updates the costs of a full-time placement and value for money. The current cost is £65.00 per week, per child. (Subject to 3-



year-old funding entitlement). If you do not receive the 3-year-old funding, a full-time place is charged at £130 per week. These fees must be paid in advance in accessing the childcare.

- **Dinner Monies** – The Trustees annually update and review the costs of the school dinners, the current charges are:
  - Main school £2.10 per child, per day
  - Nursery £1.85 per child, per day
- **Snack** – The Trustees annually update and review the costs of the school snack, the current charges are:
  - Infant Snack .30p per day, per child
  - Junior Snack .40p per child, per day
- **Uniform** – The Trustees review and annually update the costs of the school uniform in line with increases from our suppliers.
- **Loss, damage and breakages** – in case of loss, damage or breakages of school books or activity packs on loan to parents, the school will make a charge to cover the cost of replacements.

**Hillstone Primary does not aim to profit from any charges imposed by the school. In the event of insufficient contributions being made some activities may have to be cancelled.**

The Trustees will annually review this policy and reserve the right to amend the categories for which a charge may be made.

### **Remissions Policy**

Where the parents of a child are unable to meet any one of the charges, the parent may make an application to the Head Teacher for the remission of charges. The Head Teacher will consider each case independently and if necessary will seek advice from the finance committee.

Date reviewed: September 2022

Date of next review: September 2023