



# **Charging & Remission Policy**

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### 1 School Charges

- 1.1 The Governing Body has agreed to follow the guidelines of the Local Authority with regards to charging for school activities. Voluntary contributions from parents may be sought to ensure that activities may take place. Pupils of parents/carers who are unable to make a voluntary contribution will not be discriminated against. However, where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible and there is no possible way to meet the shortfall, then the activity/residential trip may be cancelled. No child will be excluded from school activities through inability to make a contribution.

### 2 School Visits

- 2.1 In school hours:
- No charge but voluntary\* contributions may be sought.
- 2.2 Outside of school hours
- Charges may be requested for all or part of the activity.
- 2.3 Residential Provision Visits
- Voluntary contributions will be sought for board and lodging. There is a full remission for pupils of families who are unable to pay.
- 2.4 Swimming:
- No charge will be made for swimming lessons.

*\*There may be times when an activity or visit has to be cancelled because of insufficient contributions received to cover costs.*

### 3 Damage to School Property

- 3.1 Parents/carers may be charged for any non-accidental damage caused as a result of a pupil's behaviour.

### 4 School Meals

- 4.1 School meals will be charged at £2.94 per meal (£14.70 a week) to be paid weekly to the school by bank transfer or alternatively in cash to the school office.

## **5 Free School Meals (FSM)**

- 5.1 Parents/carers are encouraged to apply for FSM if they feel they may be eligible.
- 5.2 FSM are available for families in receipt for the following benefits:
- income support
  - income based jobseeker's allowance
  - income related employment and support allowance (ESA – IR)
  - universal credit if the household is earning less than £7,400 per year
  - asylum seekers (receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999)
  - the guaranteed element of state pension credit
  - child tax credit (with an annual income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by the Inland Revenue) if also in receipt of working tax credit you will not be eligible
  - working tax credit run on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit
- 5.3 Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or carer, can also get free school meals.
- 5.4 Parents/carers of children residing in Hull should apply using the School Portal at <http://www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/schools/free-school-meals> or contact the school for a paper application form.
- 5.5 Those who are not Hull residents should contact their own Local Authority.

## **6 School Uniform**

- 6.1 Whilst school uniform is not compulsory at the school, items can be purchased via the school office. Payments are to be made to the school before the items can be ordered from the supplier.