

GEORGE STREET PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Charging and Remissions



Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts

Date: September 2025

This policy relates to charges and remissions made for educational visits, voluntary curriculum support lessons, materials and non-uniform day. It aims to meet the requirements set out in Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996. Educational Visits In line with statutory guidelines, visits relating to the curriculum must not insist on a charge to pupils. George Street Primary School will apply this principle as follows:

- For educational visits that are essential for the delivery of the curriculum (e.g. Wings to Fly Substance misuse production), the full cost of the visits will be met by the school.
- For educational visits that would enrich the curriculum (e.g. visit to a museum, theatre, place of interest), the school may ask for a voluntary contribution from parents/ carers on the understanding that failure to receive sufficient contributions would lead to cancellation of the planned visit. Those contributing should not be asked to pay more to make up any shortfall resulting from those that do not contribute. The school may choose to pick up any shortfall. Such trips will include all children, whether they have paid or not.
- For entirely recreational visits (e.g. Year 6 leavers' treat), the main school budget will not contribute to any costs. Again, the school may ask for a contribution from parents/ carers on the understanding that failure to receive sufficient contributions would lead to cancellation of the planned visit. Such trips may exclude those that have not paid.

National Curriculum Tuition

All education provided to deliver the National Curriculum during school hours, or twilight hours is free of charge. Exercise books, text books and other learning resources are provided free of charge. Pupils are not expected to provide their own pens, pencils and equipment. In case of exercise books, reading books and school resources being lost or damaged, the school retains the right to insist on charging for replacements.

Damaged Items

Where a pupil has wilfully damaged school equipment, the school will ask the parent/ carer for a voluntary contribution to meet the costs of its replacement. A request for payment may be made by the school for replacement of broken windows or fittings, defaced or damaged text books or any other damage or loss occurring because of pupils' inappropriate behaviour.

Lettings

Rooms within the school that are rented to outside providers are charged at an hourly rate. Please see the policy for school lettings for details of charges.

Non-Uniform Days

Non-uniform days are held to raise money for charity or school funds. Pupils are asked to make a voluntary donation for the right to wear casual clothes. Pupils may wear uniform if they prefer.

Music Tuition

Charges may be made when a child is learning to play an instrument. Music lessons provided by the School Music Service are over and above the National Curriculum and can therefore be charged for. Parents are to be made aware that the full cost of tuition is to be met by the parent, even if the child does not continue with their chosen instrument. This is because the School Music Service will charge the school for the full year's tuition. Failure of parents to cover the cost of music tuition for an individual child within 6 weeks will result in the child being excluded from lessons. Music lessons provided by staff, for example recorders, cannot be charged for. However, if the child's parent wishes for the child to have their own recorder, school is entitled to charge for this.

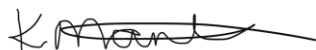
Other Costs

Parents may be offered the opportunity to purchase tickets for school productions. The purchasing of tickets helps to raise funds for school and ensures that we do not exceed the capacity of the halls under fire regulations.

Conclusion

Following a parental survey, we noted parents' disquiet at the cost associated with trips and therefore aim to keep this to a maximum of 2 per year. We aim to ensure inclusivity by keeping costs as low as possible and by keeping distance travelled to a minimum. Where appropriate and if possible, we will agree subsidies with the PTA or provide subsidy through grant funding, where appropriate.

Signed:



Headteacher

Date 10.09.2025



Chair of Governors

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