

Charging and remissions policy 2015

Great Alne Primary recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of educational activities can make to personal and social development, including educational and residential visits, and aim when appropriate to provide these activities.

Charges

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

- a) Certain aspects of residential visits e.g. board and lodging
- b) Charges in kind e.g. the cost of materials for extra-curricular activities e.g. sewing

Nothing in the policy precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of educational activities. Some planned activities may not proceed if insufficient contributions are received. No child shall be excluded from participating in activities that do proceed.

Remissions

The Governing Body will make every effort to give financial assistance to families who are experiencing hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity, the Governing Body will invite parents to apply, in confidence, for the remission of charges. (There will be no charges applied to those families where the school is in receipt of Pupil Premium.) Authorisation of remission will be made by the Head Teacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions may be sought for additional activities. These will include educational visits, visits to schools by music and drama groups and other costs for residential trips (including transport and entry fees.)

If a voluntary contribution is requested, it will be clearly stated that:

- a) There is no obligation to contribute
- b) Registered pupils of the school will not be excluded from activities if their parents are unable or unwilling to contribute.