

**WILBY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL
NCC CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICIES
FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**



*Together we are inspired to learn within the family of God's love.
We encourage one another to reach our full potential within a Christian atmosphere.*

John 13:34

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

This policy was approved by the Governing Body on 10th September 2015, was reviewed regularly with the last review being in July 2021. It will be reviewed again in July 2022.

The Education Reform Act (1988) introduced new provisions on charging for school activities. The purposes of these provisions are:

- to maintain the right to a free school education.
- to ensure that activities offered as part of the National Curriculum and wholly within normal school time should be available to all pupils, regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- to give educational authorities and schools the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
- to confirm that schools may invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of any activity organised by the school, either in or outside school hours.

The Governors believe that activities such as educational visits (or visitors) are an extension to, and an enrichment of the curriculum. They have adopted the NNC Charging and Remissions Policies for School Activities, which allows the school to ask for voluntary contributions from parents to support these activities.

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual music tuition.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips, visits or visitors, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip.

All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid the full contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit.

In the case of Residential trips when school has to make a commitment in advance, any deposit received from the parents will be non-refundable.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary

contributions from parents. These activities are known as ‘optional extras’. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- educational workshops;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school trips;
- musical events.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we make a charge to cover the costs of any workshops, board, Lodging and travel expenses.

If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to speak in confidence to the Head teacher

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. There is a charge for individual music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum which is paid directly to NMPAT.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for the swimming lessons. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.