

Charging Policy Statement

Educational Visits

All educational visits within the school day will be fully funded from School Budget Share. Contributions from parents may be requested for extras such as residential visits and on occasion for extended school activities of a voluntary nature (in accordance with guidance from the DFE website, last updated January 2009), unless additional outside funding becomes available.

Given the context of our school we will always endeavour to maximise opportunities available to our pupils to ensure that they have equality of opportunity.

Letting of the School Building

There is generally no availability to hire out the school building owing to the following reasons;

- School halls are not available, as they are used each evening by children supervised by school staff
- Local area is well resourced for leisure facilities
- Keeping school secure is a key objective
- Caretaker does not reside on site

The exception to this is that the Middlesbrough Schools' Teaching Alliance building may be hired for MSTA and educational purposes during hours that the caretaker is normally employed on site.

Families qualifying for remission or help with charges

In order to remove financial barriers from disadvantaged pupils, the governing body has agreed that some activities and visits where charges can legally be made will be offered at no charge or a reduced charge to parents/carers in particular circumstances. This remissions policy sets out the circumstances in which charges will be waived. Criteria for qualification for remission are given below.

Parents/carers in receipt of

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) does not exceed the sum given in the Revenue and Customs rules
- Guaranteed State Pension