



Name of School: Barking Abbey School

Charging and Remission Policy

London Borough of Barking & Dagenham

Ratified and agreed by Governing Body on: 1 December 2021

Signed: Rob Brooks (Chair of Governors)

Date: 1 December 2021

Signed: Tony Roe (Headteacher)

Date: December 2021

Policy to be next reviewed: December 2022

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- 1. Introduction:** All education during school hours is free. The School do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.
- 2. Voluntary Contributions:** *When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to pay for the trip. If we do not receive sufficient payment, we may cancel a trip or we may provide alternative activities to enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children.*

If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have made part payment. 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 unable to make payment, we may allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity subject to the school being able to accommodate the cost. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require payment from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
 - sporting activities which require transport expenses;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
 - visits to the theatre;
 - musical events;
 - Workshops invited into school
- 3. Residential Trips:** If the school organises a residential trip in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of the board, lodging and travel expenses.
 - 4. Music tuition:** All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
 - 5. Swimming:** All children do receive swimming lessons as part of the normal school curriculum at some stage during the 4 year stay in the Junior School. We do not charge for this. The school may make a charge to cover transportation to and from swimming centre.

- 6. Activities Outside School Hours:** No charge is made for activities that are outside of school hours and are part of the National Curriculum. However, we may ask for a contribution towards some materials. For example Recorder Club is not chargeable for children. Parent/carers contribute towards the payment of the recorder and the music recorder book.

The school also runs extra-curricular after school clubs which do not form a part of the National Curriculum. However a charge is incurred from parents/carers to cover material/resources to run the club.

- 7. Pupil Premium Pupils:** As part of the School's pupil premium statement a proportion of our pupil premium entitlement, is used to pay for the broader experiences including school trips and often specific trips just for pupil premium families as well as the opportunity to take up an after school club for one term per year.
- 8. Damage/Loss to property:** In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books on loan to children, the Headteacher in consultation with the Governing Body may decide it right to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.
- 9. Other charges:** The Headteacher, Resources committee or Governing Body may levy charges for miscellaneous services up to the cost of providing such services, e.g. Photocopying
- 10. Remissions Policy:** Where parents are experiencing financial difficulty and unable to meet any of the charges of the school, parents can apply in confidence to the Headteacher for the remission of charges in part or full. It will be at the discretion of the Headteacher to make authorisation of remission.

- 11. Review:** Policy to be reviewed annually.