

SUNNYSIDE ACADEMY

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

Policy Amendments:

Date	Detail
May 2016	No change

Visits/Workshops/Theatre Groups etc

Throughout the year there are likely to be day visits organised for classes in conjunction with their topic work, or visits to the school by Theatres or Workshops etc. Such activities play an important part in the school curriculum, extending the learning that is started in the classroom and in some circumstances, leading to a clearer understanding of the work being studied.

Parents are asked to make contributions towards the cost of these visits, to enable the school to continue with such worthwhile activities.

However, should a parent decide not to contribute the amount requested, the law states that the child should still be entitled to take part in the activity. In reality, however, none of the visits would be able to go ahead if the significant majority of parents decided not to contribute. It is necessary to charge since, unfortunately, the school has few alternative source of funding, however, whenever it is possible activities will be paid for wholly or partly by other funding sources. There will be provision to pay by installments. If paying for visits and other activities causes problems parents should approach the school.

Residential Visits

The children may be offered the opportunity of optional residential visits during their time at school. Such are invaluable in giving the children first hand educational experiences and in helping them to develop greater self-confidence and independence. Parents are required to pay for these experiences. A savings scheme operates so that parents can spread the cost of these visits over several months.

Extra Curricular, Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Sunnyside runs a wide variety of After School Clubs and activities including Breakfast club. Children will be charged for these activities to cover the cost of breakfast, equipment, competition entry fees, materials and, if required, coaching costs.

Music Tuition

All children study music as a part of their normal curriculum. We do not charge for this. However, instrumental tuition is provided by the peripatetic music teachers from Tees Valley Music for a small number of children and they have a separate charging policy. If your child is eligible to receive this additional tuition, and you agree to them taking part, their policy will be explained in full.

Ingredients/ materials/ equipment

In order to give the children a wide and varied education, the school often purchase ingredients and materials for baking and design and technology. Parents may be asked for a contribution towards costs (especially when the 'funded product' is to be taken time).

Loss or Damage

We reserve the right to request payment in the case of loss or damage to school property.

Date written: March 2015

Author: Susan Tuffin
Date adopted by Governors: 1 November 2016
Review Date: March 2017