



Nancledra School



Charging & Remissions Policy

(This policy is based substantially on the Cornwall Council policy drawn up in accordance with the requirements of section 457 of the Education Act, 1996 as amended by section 200 of the Education Act 2002.)

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There are four principles underlying the provisions on charging:

1. That education in schools should be free.
2. That activities offered wholly or mainly during normal school teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
3. That there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education, but that schools have the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
4. That schools have the right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school, or in support of any activity organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

The School's Policy and Action required by Governors

Nancledra School recognises that there are a number of activities which will only take place if parental contributions are available but it stresses that no child should be excluded from any activity organised by the school because of the liability or unwillingness of their parents to pay such a contribution.

Optional visits wholly or mainly outside school hours

It is the intention of Nancledra School to charge the full cost of visits which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours, but which are not provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination and not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education. The cost could include travel, insurance, admission charges, meals and, if desired, a sum of money to enable some pupils to go on the visit without payment, or to cover teachers' travel costs, where a separate contract is issued.

Governors will set aside monies to cover the cost for those parents who wish their child to go on the visit but who are unable or unwilling to pay. These monies may be from the school's funds i.e., for educational activities the subsidy may come from the delegated budget.

Visits wholly or mainly during school hours

It is the intention of Nancledra School to invite voluntary contributions toward the cost of visits which take place wholly or mainly during school hours and which may, or may not, be provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination and may, or may not, be required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education. The cost could include travel, insurance, admission charges and, if desired, a sum of money to enable some pupils to go on the visit without payment or to cover teachers' travel costs.

Governors will set aside monies to cover the cost for those parents who wish their child to go on the visit but who are unable or unwilling to make a voluntary contribution. (i.e., for educational activities the subsidy may come from the delegated budget.

Board and lodging charges on residential visits

It is the intention of Nancledra School to charge the full cost of board and lodging on visits taking place wholly or mainly during school hours, or if out of school hours, provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education.

Parents who are in receipt of certain benefits may be exempt from the costs of some board and lodging on specified residential trips, at the discretion of the Headteacher. As a guide, these benefits are free school meals, income support, support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, guarantee element of State Pension Credit or disability working allowance.

The costs of transport, insurance, admission charges, etc. incurred during residential trips may not, however, be charged, although voluntary contributions may, of course, be requested and could become a necessary prerequisite for the visit taking place.

Governors accept that the restriction on charging and of the fact that a child may not be prevented from going on a visit during school hours if the parents are unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution to expenses other than for board and lodging may lead to certain visits becoming unviable.

Individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument

It is not the intention of Nancledra School to charge for such tuition where it is provided by Nancledra Schools' staff, whether in or out of school hours. However, where tuition or ensemble activities are provided by external agencies and peripatetic teachers a charge may be made to pupils concerned.

Charges for ingredients, materials and equipment

Schools must be prepared to provide any ingredients, materials, equipment needed for the delivery of the curriculum. Parents who are willing to contribute in cash, or in kind, will be encouraged to do so on a voluntary basis. The school will charge for, or invite parents to supply, ingredients, materials and equipment if parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product.

Charges for breakages and fines

Governors will ask parents to pay for damage to equipment or property caused by their child if the damage is caused as a result of a breach of the school's discipline policy .