

Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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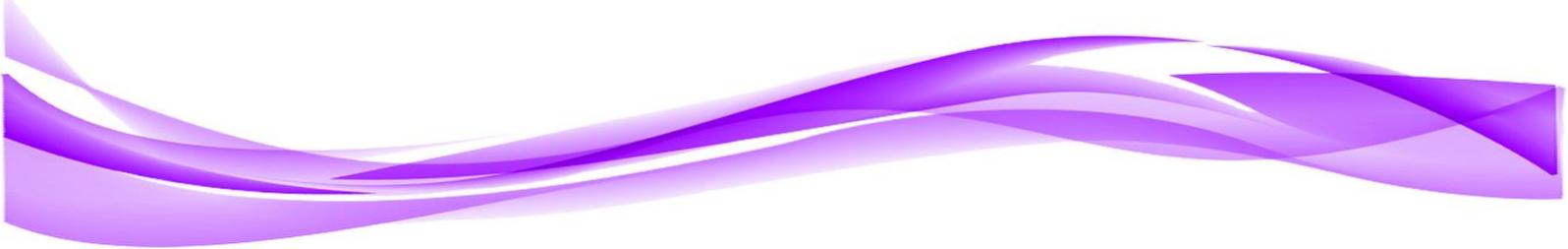
Charging and Remissions Policy

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1) Our Vision

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We aim to be an outstanding inclusive church school embodying the love and care of God the Father for everyone, striving to help all in our school prosper and fulfil their unique potential in the fullness of Christ, and co-operating with the Holy Spirit for the flourishing of every person through the principles of wisdom, hope, community and dignity.

'Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'
St Francis of Assisi

As a caring Christian community built on Compassion, Trust, Friendship and Hope our work and vision is based on the core values stated above alongside the additional values of Courage, Perseverance, Humility, Forgiveness, Wisdom and Thankfulness. These values clearly state our firm belief in God overarched by the values of Respect and Responsibility and our school ethos, all of which is encapsulated in the school's Mission Statement.

Our Christian values-based school celebrates curiosity and creativity through an inspiring, broad and engaging curriculum, where learning is at the heart of all we do. Our children learn to become resilient and self-assured in a safe, inclusive and nurturing community. Everyone is challenged and encouraged to thrive and achieve as individuals, preparing them for their role as caring and active citizens in modern Britain.

2) Introduction

At Spalding Parish Church of England Day School the Local Council believe that activities such as swimming and educational visits (or visitors) are an extension to, and an enrichment of the curriculum. The Local Council aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, but on occasion may ask for parents to make contributions to events (see below).

3) Charges

The Local Council reserves the right to invite parents to make a contribution in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

-  Activities in school hours: charges may be made for the board and lodging element of residential activities that take place in school hours (please see also Remissions).
-  Activities out of school hours: a charge will be made to cover the full cost of each pupil for activities deemed to be optional activities out of school hours e.g. theatre visits, sporting/musical events.
-  Charging in kind: the cost of materials, ingredients, equipment (or the provision of them by parents) e.g. for cooking, some craft and technology activities. Schools will provide or pay for any ingredients, materials etc. for practical subjects. Parents who are willing to contribute in

cash or kind can however do so on a voluntary basis. The school may charge or require the supply of materials if parents have indicated a wish to own the finished product.

 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. This may include the purchase of music, hire of instruments, minor repairs to loaned instruments and the replacement of any items on account of wear, tear and misuse.

 Breakages: Parents will be asked to pay the full cost or a reasonable amount towards the cost of any damage or defacing to school property which is due to poor pupil behaviour.

 Swimming: The school organises swimming lessons for the children at Spalding Parish Church of England Day School. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for the swimming lessons but request a contribution for the cost of the coach to take the children to the swimming pool. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

 Hot school meals: the school charges parents for hot school meals at the same rate to which the school is charged (less VAT). Children entitled to Free School Meals will have a main meal ordered each day free of charge. Children in the Foundation Stage and KS1 are entitled to a free meal each day under the Universal Free School Meals scheme. Adults ordering a hot school meal will have VAT added to the cost.

4) Lettings

The School Business Manager is responsible for raising invoices for lettings as they are booked. Lettings are charged at the rate recommended by the Local Authority plus a small % as agreed by the Local Council.

5) Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary and no parent is under any obligation to make a contribution. Pupils will not be treated differently if they have not made a contribution. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip.

Parents have a right to know how each trip/visit is funded. The school provides this information on request. In the case of Residential trips when the school has to make a commitment in advance, any deposit received from parents will be non-refundable.

The Local Council may, from time to time, amend the category of activity for which a charge is made.

6) Remissions

If parents are experiencing financial hardship, which makes it difficult for pupils to take part in particular activities for which a charge is made, the Local Council will invite parents/carers to apply in confidence for the remission of charge in part or in full. Authorisation of remission will be made by the Head Teacher.

Principles of Remission

-  Universal Credit in prescribed circumstances*
-  Income Support (IS)
-  Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
-  Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
-  Child Tax Credit (where the person is not receiving Working Tax Credit as well)
-  Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
-  Income related employment and support allowance

** The Government plans to prescribe the circumstances when Universal Credit is fully rolled out.*

7) Pupil Premium

The school uses money from its Pupil Premium allocation to support enrichment, visits and residential activities for pupils in receipt of pupil premium. Parents of these pupils will discuss this with the Head Teacher.

7) Monitoring and Review

The Head Teacher monitors the effectiveness of this policy on a regular basis. They also report to the Local Council on the effectiveness of the policy and, if necessary, makes recommendations for further improvements.

The Local Council reviews this policy every two years or earlier if it is felt appropriate.