CHARGING & REMISSIONS POLICY
ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL
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1 Introduction

1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips, activities or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.2 If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event (which is part of the National Curriculum), but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions 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:
- visits by theatre groups in school.

2.4 A voluntary charge is made to purchase the materials for Design and Technology in order that the children can take their models home.

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit 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 board and lodging. Parents who receive certain state benefits may be entitled to financial assistance.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The specialist music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We make a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. The school subsidises all specialist music lessons and may vary this subsidy for Gifted and Talented musicians.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for some children in Year 4 who aren't able to swim 25 metres. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

6 Extra curricular activities

6.1 Some sporting or other activities provided before school, during lunch break or after school are provided without charge to parents. Other activities provided by external coaches are payable directly to those providers.

7 Damage and Loss Charges

7.1 A charge will be made for any loss or damage caused deliberately by a child. Parents/carers will be charged for this.

8 Activities provided by the Friends of Abbotswood

8.1 A voluntary charge may be made for additional activities organised by the Friends of Abbotswood during school hours.