

RUSHWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARGES & REMISSIONS POLICY

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Introduction

A summary of the school's charges and remission policy is published in the school prospectus. The school policy is based on the Local Authority (LA) policy, a summary of which is provided to parents in the booklet "Information for parents, admissions and transfers to schools", and DCSF guidance sections 449 -462 of the Education Act 1996.

Non Residential Visits/Specialist Visitors/Swimming

It is usually necessary to ask parents for a contribution towards the cost of educational visits, specialist visitors and the cost of transport to swimming lessons.

When a visit is being planned, parents will receive a letter saying what the cost would be and asking them if they would be prepared to contribute a specific amount. Parents of children taking part in swimming lessons are invited to contribute towards the cost of transport. School will meet the cost of the pool hire and instructor. Contributions are voluntary, but visits may not be able to take place if there are not enough people who are prepared to contribute.

Instrumental Music Tuition

If parents wish their child to take advantage of small group or individual instrumental music tuition, purchased by the school from Worcestershire Youth Music Service, standard charges, as advised by Worcestershire Youth Music Service will be levied to parents.

Residential Activities

When a residential visit is being planned, parents will receive a letter saying what the cost of accommodation, meals and transport would be. Parents will be expected to contribute towards the cost of accommodation and meals and will be asked for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport.

School Meals

Meals provided by School, via an outside catering agency, must be ordered and paid for in advance. Prices are set by the catering agency. Free school meals may be available to qualifying parents. Application forms are kept in the office and are available on request.

Milk

Milk will be provided free of charge to pupils under 5 and those entitled to free school meals. Parents will be asked to pay on ordering milk for over 5s and those not entitled to free school meals. Prices are calculated following advice from the LA.

National Fruit Scheme

A piece of fruit will be provided free of charge to all pupils in Years R-2.

Low Income/ Subsidised Contributions

Charges for music tuition and residential activities mentioned above are not made for children whose parents are entitled to claim free school meals. Pupils whose parents do not contribute are not penalised, nor are they to be subsidised by others. Any shortfall in costs is paid from the school budget.

Rounding

For ease of administration the calculation of all contributions/charges (except for milk and school meals) will be rounded up to the nearest £1.