



St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

Charging and Remissions policy

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Signed Chair of Governors _____

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Introduction

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

Voluntary contributions

When organising academy trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the academy invites parents/carers to contribute to the cost. 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/carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent/carer wishes their child to take part in a academy trip or event, 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 academy pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents/carers have a right to know how each trip is funded. The academy provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the academy, which require voluntary contributions from parents/carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- musical events.
- visits by artists

Residential visits

If the academy organises a residential visit in academy time, or mainly in academy time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, there will be a charge to cover travel expenses and board and lodging. There may also be charges to cover the cost of activities.

Music tuition

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

There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers and are charged directly by the Isle of Wight Music Service. We give parents/carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The academy organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 2. These take place in academy time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents/carers for their written permission for their child to take part.

After academy clubs

The academy offers many varied after academy clubs which are normally taught by members of the academy staff. Sometimes there are clubs run by outside professionals and we make a small charge for these sessions, to cover costs.