



TMPF

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS

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General Principles

The Moorlands Primary Federation of schools, which includes Bishop Rawle C E Primary, Dilhorne Endowed C E Primary, Great Wood Primary, St. Werburgh's C E Primary, The Valley Primary, Hollinsclough C E Academy and Manifold C E Academy are committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all pupils regardless of financial circumstances and recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities, including educational visits, residential experiences and clubs, can make towards all aspects of pupils' education. The Trust Board would accordingly wish to promote and provide, as far as possible, such activities as part of a dynamic curriculum for the benefit of pupils of the school.

TMPF Values:

Trust;
Mindful;
Peace;
Friendship.

Charges

The Trust Board reserves the right to make a charge for the following activities which may from time-to-time be organised by the school:

Residential activities held during school hours – charges may be made for board and lodgings (not to exceed cost). Parents and carers will be notified in advance of any such activities which the school proposes to organise and the cost.

Any special remission arrangements for such activities will be at the discretion of the Trust Board and considered on an individual pupil basis at all times.

Activities held outside school hours – each school will endeavor to provide a range of such activities from time-to-time. These will sometimes include day and residential experiences and are known generally as 'optional extras'. Charges may be made for these activities EXCEPT where they are provided to fulfill any requirements specified in the syllabus of a prescribed public examination or are required to fulfill statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum.

Parents and carers will be notified in advance of any 'optional extras' which the school proposes to organise and the estimated cost. Parental consent will be obtained for children to participate in any activities for which a charge may be made.

Any charge for a particular activity will be dependent upon the type of activity, its cost, and the number of participants. The charge will not exceed the actual cost of providing the activity, divided equally by the number of pupils willing to participate. The cost of other pupils participating in the visit will not be included in the charge. The charge may, however, include an appropriate element for such things as:

- The pupil's travel costs;
- The pupil's board and lodging costs;
- Materials, books, instruments and other equipment;
- Non-teaching staff costs;
- Entrance to museums, castles, theatres, etc;
- Insurance costs;
- The expenses only of participating teachers engaged on a separate contract for services to provide the 'optional extra'.

Charges may also be made for:

- Extended school care activities such as breakfast club, after school club, holiday clubs and wrap around including nursery provision.
- Extra curricular activities and school clubs
- Letting of the school's premises or grounds

Any remission arrangements for such activities will be at the discretion of the Trust Board

Music Tuition

The Trust Board's contribution for music tuition costs will be reviewed each year. This contribution will be decided upon based on need and finances available.

Remissions

Where the children are in receipt of free school meals or are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding, the Trust Board will remit in full the cost of board and lodging for any residential activity the school organises for the pupils if the activity:

- Takes place within school hours or
- Forms part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or fulfills statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or Religious Education, irrespective of whether the activity takes place within or outside school hours.

Any other remission arrangements for a particular activity will be entirely at the discretion of the Trust Board. Any subsidy provided by the Trust Board will be met from the funds at its disposal.

Voluntary Contributions

Parents and carers will be asked to make a voluntary contribution for school educational visits which take part wholly, or mainly, in school time. These visits will be regarded as part of the school curriculum and the actual cost will be made known to parents before they agree to their child taking part.

There will be no obligation to contribute and no child in the group will be omitted from the activity but it may be necessary to have substantial parental voluntary contributions in order that the activity can take place.

Use of School Resources/Equipment (Photocopier, etc.)

Requests for use of resources will be considered on an individual basis by the Executive Principals/School Leader, taking into consideration resource costs and a suitable donation decided upon.

Breakages and Damage to School Property

The Trust Board reserves the right to seek reparation from parents where their children cause breakages or damage to school property.