



BRACKENSDALE JUNIOR CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY May 2014

Introduction

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 some individual or small-group music tuition.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents 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 have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently for any others.

Whenever possible, the school will give sufficient notice to allow parents/carers to pay by instalments.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school 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.

For the Financial Year 2014/2015 the school has again received Pupil Premium Funding. Some of this funding will go towards paying for visits/trips for pupils in receipt of FSM.

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' and the list below is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums
- Sporting activities

- Outdoor adventure activities
- School trips visits to or by a theatre company
- Musical events
- Transport

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do ask parents to at least pay for the residential expenses of such trips and we also ask parents to contribute to the cost of travel and activity expenses as these are beyond the scope of our main school budget.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for Year 4 children. These take place in school 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 for their written permission for their child to take part.

Lunch time / After School Sport / Creative Activities

The school offers additional activities after school and during lunch breaks. We reserve the right to make a small charge for these sessions.