

Eastfield Primary School Charging and Remissions Policy 2022 - 2023

Eastfield Primary school aims to provide a very wide and stimulating curriculum. Day trips, residential visits and theatre groups bought in to school enrich the provision for our children. These experiences are a powerful part of children's learning. However, such events cost a considerable amount and this is not covered adequately by the budget provided for the school. We always look for best value and consider the circumstances of our parents when planning additional activities.

Day trips and the cost of special performances can be partly paid for by the school but the remaining cost needs to be met by voluntary contributions from parents. Prior to an event we will write explaining the event and asking for a voluntary contribution. We would not want any child to miss out on such activities due to cost but if there is insufficient contribution overall the event will be cancelled.

Should parents be on free school meals or in receipt of the following benefits:

- Income Support OR Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income assessed by HMRC of less than £16,190 (If you or your partner also receive Working Tax Credit you DO NOT qualify for free school meals regardless of income). NB From the 1st May 2009 where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the 4-week period immediately after employment ends, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, they were eligible to claim free school meals for that 4- week period.
- The Guarantee Element of state Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Universal Credit

they should see the headteacher who will explain exemption arrangements.

Residential Visits Residential visits are much more expensive as they involve transport, board and lodgings and the cost of specialist instructors. This experience is an optional extra. Although participation on residential trips is optional parents are strongly encouraged to opt in to such trips. Board and lodging and the 'package deal' from the specialist company needs to be paid for. This will be a direct charge.

Should the school have insufficient and/or the take of places be too low the trip will be cancelled.

Whenever possible the school will subsidise the cost of trips to encourage maximum participation.

Cooking Ingredients and technology materials.

The school is entitled to charge for items that are taken home. However, the school has decided to, wherever possible, provide this as free of charge.

Occasionally, a donation may be asked for from parents to contribute towards the cost.

Music Tuition

Small group music tuition in the first year (Year 4) and a half (Autumn Term Year 5) will be provided free of charge. However, subsequent individual or group tuition in Yr4, 5 and 6 will be charged. Again, if on benefits exemption will apply. These additional music lessons, provided at the request of parents, are an optional extra.

Swimming

Although the school is charged, by the chosen local authority swimming pool for hire of the pool, we will provide swimming for a nominal fee per block of sessions which will be published at the beginning of the academic year.

Bradgate Preschool (formally known as Tiddlywinks) – pre-school provision

Sessions covered by the childcare voucher system or 15/30 funded hours do not require any additional payment. However, lunch time will be a small fee and additional session day / days not covered by the voucher will be charged. These charges will be kept low on a not-for-profit basis.

Special extra provision programmes

We sometimes have an opportunity to provide a block of before-school or after-school activity such as Martial Arts or a different 'club'. The cost may be met, in part or full, by the school but parent contributions may also be required for these activities. These are optional activities.

After school tuition

After school tuition. We are keen to offer booster sessions for any children who need that extra help. These are FREE to access but we would expect every invited child to attend.

After school club

After School Club Bookable places are available 3.00 p.m.- 5.45 p.m. Monday to Friday each week. These sessions are charged at £8.00 per child per session payable in advance and include a snack and drink. These sessions must be paid for once booked whether the child attends or not. This is to cover staffing costs. Sessions should be booked in advance.

Breakfast club

Breakfast Club Bookable places are available 7.30 a.m. to 8.55 a.m. Monday to Friday each week. These sessions are charged at £5.00 per child per session payable in advance. These sessions must be paid for

once booked whether the child attends or not. This is to cover staffing costs. Sessions should be booked in advance.

If you wish to discuss any of these please make an appointment to talk to the headteacher