

Lydalls Nursery School policy on charging for and remissions for school activities

Lydalls Nursery School believes that all our pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits independent of their parent's financial means. This charging and remissions policy describes how we will do our best to ensure a good range of visits and activities is offered and, at the same time, try to minimise the financial barriers which may prevent some pupils taking full advantage of the opportunities

The 1996 Education Act requires all schools to have a policy on charging and remissions for school activities, which will be kept under regular review. This policy identifies activities for which charges will or will not be made, and when charges may be waived.

Voluntary contributions

At Lydalls we welcome voluntary contributions in order to offer a wide variety of experiences to pupils. All requests for voluntary contributions will emphasise their voluntary nature and the fact that pupils of parents who do not make such contributions will be treated no differently from those who have.

The Law says:

If the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions the parents will be notified of this from the outset. No child will be excluded from an activity because parents are unable to pay.

No charges will be made for:

Education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment);

Education provided on any trip that takes place during school hours;

Transport for the purposes of an Educational Visit

Employing supply staff to cover for those staff who are accompanying pupils on a trip.

Activities or items which may be charged for:

It is the policy of Lydalls Nursery School that charges may be made for certain items or activities.

Parental agreement will be obtained before a charge is made.

Activities which can be charged for are regarded as 'optional extras'. Remissions are available for these, details are set out below. Charges will not exceed the actual cost per pupil of any provision.

Activity or item which may be charged for	Notes
Charges may be made for any materials, books, instruments, or equipment which a parent wishes to own.	e.g. A clay model- a charge to cover the cost of the clay.
A contribution may be requested towards the cost of school trips.	If a parent is unwilling or unable to pay their child will be given an equal chance to go on the visit. If insufficient contributions are raised, the trip or activity may have to be cancelled.

Remissions

In order to remove financial barriers from disadvantaged pupils, the governing body has agreed that some activities and visits where charges can legally be made will be offered at no charge or a reduced charge to parents in particular circumstances including those in receipt of: Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received, Guaranteed State Pension and Families with Looked After Children.

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