



Charging & Remissions Policy

Cleator Moor Nursery School

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Cleator Moor Nursery School is a special place where we play and learn together.

At Cleator Moor Nursery, we believe in giving all children the best possible start to their early school education. We do this by providing a safe and nurturing learning environment, where children thrive and are happy to learn.



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Introduction

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that there is clarity over those items which the Nursery School & Preschool will provide free of charge, and for those items where there may be charge.

The Governors are committed to a free and comprehensive education which ensures equality of access and opportunity to all pupils.

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. The review date for this policy is recorded at the end of the document.

Cleator Moor 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.

GENERAL

During the school day all activities that are a necessary part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum will be provided free of charge.

- No charge will be made in respect of admission to the Nursery School.
- No charge will be made for activities which take place wholly or mainly during school hours, providing that the activities enhance the curriculum.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Separately from the matter of charging, schools may always seek 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 contribution 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 in school because parents are unable to pay.
- If a parent is unwilling or unable to pay their child will be given an equal chance to go on the visit.



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If insufficient contributions are raised, the trip or activity may have to be cancelled.

Charging

The Governing Body recognises that extracurricular activities, such as educational visits and visitors to school can enhance the curriculum and be of value to every child's education. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities as part of a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum, and therefore we will ask parents/carers to pay for educational trips. If parents cannot afford to pay for school trips they are encouraged to come and speak to the Headteacher.

The contributions requested will not exceed the actual cost of providing the extra activity, divided by the number of pupils willing to participate. The contribution requested will not take into account the cost of staff already employed by the school.

Charges for delivery of the curriculum will never be made by the school.

The principles of best value will be applied when planning activities that incur costs to the school and/or charges to parents.

School milk is provided free of charge but a voluntary contribution is requested towards the cost of snack. Snack will be made available to all children regardless of whether the parent has made this contribution.

School Lunches

Parents will pay for school dinners. Children who have Early Year's Pupil Premium will not pay for school dinners. Any monies owed will be closely monitored and if a bill of more than one term has accrued and remains unpaid then the service will be withdrawn for that child until the outstanding amount is settled. Parents will be given at least 1 months' notice of any increase in price.

Remissions

Remissions are payments made by the school to meet the cost of the charges where parents of the child are subject to financial hardship. Remissions are made to try to minimise the financial barriers which may prevent some pupils taking full advantage of the opportunities offered by the school. In these circumstances governors of the school must decide on specific criteria to determine which families are entitled to remissions. Cleator Moor Nursery School does not foresee the need to apply charges and so no remissions will be made.

Breakage, loss of damage to school premises equipment



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The Governors reserved the right to charge parents if their child is found to be responsible for the wilful destruction of school property.

Responsibilities

The Head Teacher will ensure that staff are familiar with, and correctly apply the charging and remissions policy.

Childcare/Extended Services

Childcare facilities in the School are not part of the education provided by Cleator Moor Nursery school and charges for these facilities are made under a contractual agreement with parents.

If childcare fees are in arrears and, despite attempts to rectify the arrears through payment arrangements made with the parents, the account has not been cleared in the agreed period of time then childcare/ extended services will be withdrawn. No further childcare/ extended services will be offered until the outstanding debt has been cleared in full and then only at the discretion of the Governing Body.

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