



Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

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Last Reviewed	2017	
Review Cycle	Every 2 years	
Review by	Governing body	

This policy is also subordinate to the Charging for School Activities (DFE, 2013)

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

Purpose of Policy

We believe that all our pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits (curricular and extra-curricular) independent of their parents' 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 at the same time, try to minimise the financial barriers which may prevent some pupils taking full advantage of the opportunities.

Relationship to other policies

The policy compliments the school's equality policy, curriculum policy, finance policy, educational visits policy and the teaching and learning policy.

Roles and responsibilities of head teacher, other staff and governors

The Head teacher, staff and governors will ensure that the following applies:

1. *No charges will be made for*

- Education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment)
- Education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of the school's basic curriculum for religious education.
- Tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments (or singing) if the tuition is required as part of the National Curriculum.
- Education provided on any trip that takes place during school hours. However, Governors have agreed that Voluntary Contributions may be requested.
- Education provided on any trip that takes place outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum or part of the school's basic curriculum for religious education. However, Governors have agreed that Voluntary Contributions may be requested.
- Supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential trip.
- Transport provided in connection with an educational trip. However, Governors have agreed that Voluntary Contributions may be requested.

2. *Activities for which charges may be made*

- Activities outside school hours – Non-residential activities (other than those listed in 1 above), which take place outside school hours, but only if the majority of the time spent on that activity takes place outside school hours (time spent on travel counts in this calculation if the travel itself occurs during school hours).
- Residential activities – Board and lodging costs (but only those costs) of residential trips deemed to take place during school time. However, pupils whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits (see point 3 below) may not be charged for board and lodging costs. Residential trips deemed to take place outside school time (other than for those activities listed in 1 above). When any trip is arranged parents will be notified of the policy for allocating places.
- Music tuition – for individuals or groups of any appropriate size.

3. *Families qualifying for remission or help with charges*

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. This remissions policy sets out the circumstances in which charges will be waived. Criteria for qualification for remission are given below:

Parents in receipt of –

- Universal Credit / Income support
- Income based jobseekers allowance
- Support under part VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, providing that working tax credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) does not exceed the sum given in the Revenue and Customs rules
- Guaranteed state pension

Additional categories of parents may claim help with some costs in some circumstances, which will be decided by the governing body taking into account as to whether additional help is justified.

4. *Additional considerations*

The governing body recognises its responsibility to ensure that the offer of activities and educational visits does not place an unnecessary burden on family finances. To this end we will try to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Where possible we shall publish a list of visits (and their approximate cost) at the beginning of the school year so that parents can plan ahead
- We have established a system for parents to pay in instalments
- When an opportunity for a trip arises at short notice it will be possible to arrange to pay by instalments beyond the date of the trip
- We acknowledge that offering opportunities on a "first pay, first served" basis discriminates against pupils from families on lower incomes and we will avoid that method of selection.

Schedule of fees and charges

Playcentre

Our Playcentre operates before and after school and caters for children in Year 1 to 6.

The Playcentre is open from 7.45am to 8.45am and again from 3.30pm until 6.00pm.

<u>Play Centre during term time</u>	Child	Sibling or FSM
Breakfast club 7.45 until school starts	£2	£2
Full session after school including snack and drink (over 1 hour)	£6.50	£3.50
Part session after school including snack and drink (up to 1 hour)	£3.50	£2.50
Play centre during the holidays	During the school holidays Playcentre operates from 7:45 am until 6pm	
Playcentre during the holiday up to 6.5 hours (9:00am – 3:30pm)	£12 (discounted rate of £10 for sibling) £5.00 for children entitled to free school meals (£4.00 for FSM sibling(s))	
Playcentre during the holidays over 4 hours (7:45am – 6:00pm)	£20 (discounted rate of £18 for sibling 2) £15.00 for children entitled to free school meals (£13.00 for FSM sibling(s))	

Other fees and charges	Charge
Chargeable after school clubs	£15 per term
School journeys (residential trips)	£ Cost price to cover transport, board and lodgings
Damaged school property e.g. instrument	Cost of repair or replacement
School lunches	£1.90 per meal

Late collection fees and charges

We have standard late collection fees and charges across the site.

If you collect your child late from a club, Playcentre, the Cass Child and Family Centre or from school you will be liable to pay a late collection charge. If there is an exceptional reason why you are late you will need to contact the school office and arrange a meeting to discuss. Late collection of children may result in children no longer being permitted to access extended services.

A late collection fee is charged at **£10.00 per 15 minutes**.

PLAYCENTRE - BOOKING & CHANGING DAYS

For information on bookings and other administrative matters please see the PlayCentre Charging Policy which is available on the School's website.

Lost school books

We have a number of libraries including the main school library, our learning to read collection and the dual language library which you may borrow books from. Please note, failure to return any borrowed resource will result in a replacement fee being charged.

Lost paperback book	£5
Hardback books and other resources will be charged at the recommended retail price.	

All late charges will be administered by the City of London and failure to make payments will result in a debt recovery process being followed.