

# **DIMPLE WELL INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY**



## **CHARGING AND REMISSION POLICY**

**Agreed by Governors**

**28<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

## Charging Policy

### 1. Introduction

1.1. 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.

### 2. Voluntary contributions

2.1. 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 sufficient voluntary contributions are not received, the event may be cancelled. If the event goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.2. The 1988 Education Act draws a distinction between the term 'charges' which are considered to be an obligatory cost and 'voluntary contributions' which are self-explanatory.

2.3. School contributes a small subsidy at the offset to make the request to parents a round figure (e.g. £10.25p per child – school contributes 25p per child). All adult places are paid by school, should a charge be made. School Fund will be used for additional subsidy where parents have chosen to make a reduced contribution or none at all, however, should the amount be too great the event would be cancelled.

2.4. Whenever possible, the school will give sufficient notice to allow payments to be made by instalments.

2.5. Pupil Premium children (including Ever 6) are offered a 'free' after school activity each half term.

2.6. If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, the child participates fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

2.7. 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'. This list is not exhaustive:

- sporting activities
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to or by a theatre company
- school trips

### **3. Music tuition**

3.1. All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

3.2. There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons may be taught by peripatetic music teachers employed by Wakefield Council. A charge is made for these lessons.

### **4. Lunch time / After School Sport and Creative Activities**

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

4.2. The school sometimes invites outside organisations to provide after school sports clubs after school. These organisations are responsible for setting their own charges and collecting money from parents.

Agreed by the Governing Body of Dimple Well Infant School & Nursery

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