



Brunton First School Charging and Remission Policy

At Brunton First we believe that *all our pupils should have a free entitlement to a broad and balanced education and an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits (curricular and extra curricular) independent of their parents' financial means.*

All education during school hours is free to all pupils. For many activities Pupil Premium funding will be used to support payment for those who are entitled.

Voluntary contributions are requested for specific activities:

Educational visits

When organising school visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the visit. All contributions are voluntary. The opportunity to pay in instalments will be offered to parents who wish to pay in this way. Voluntary contributions help cover the cost of transport by coach and any entrance costs. No child will be excluded from these activities if contributions are not made. Where necessary the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which request voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre/theatre performance in school
- musical events.

Residential Visits

Residential visits require a non-refundable deposit paid in advance and the balance settled in full before departure. This payment covers board and lodging, beyond the duration of the school day. Children in receipt of pupil premium funding will be exempt of paying the cost of board and lodging during a residential visit.

Activities which are subject to a charge:

Music

Children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. This is an entitlement for all pupils and no charge is made for the whole-class music lessons during the school day.

Music tuition for individuals or groups is an opportunity for children in year 3 and 4 to learn an instrument. Lessons are normally 30 minutes and will take place during the school day. Children are taught in groups of 4 to 6. Lessons are taught by Newcastle Music Service teachers. The tuition costs are charged to the school budget and offset by parental payments. Children in receipt of pupil premium funding will have help in covering the costs of the music tuition.

All contributions to the above are voluntary but if less than 80% of the costs are met by parents there could be a cancellation of the activity.

This policy will be reviewed annually.
Date of last review: September 2020

Under Review