

Priory CE Primary School

Charging and remissions policy

1. The Priory CE Primary School endorses the principles that education provided in school should be free and that no pupils' education should be affected by his or her parents' unwillingness or inability to pay or to contribute towards the cost of pupils' education.
2. Pupils should not be required to pay for any materials, books, instruments or other equipment for use in connection with the normal curriculum provided during school hours. A charge may be made, or the supply of ingredients or materials for practical subjects may be required, where parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product.
3. School trips and visits form an important part of the curriculum offered by our school. Parents are not required to pay for such visits but may be asked to make voluntary contributions towards their cost.

No child will be excluded from a school trip because of his or her parents' unwillingness or inability to contribute but it is hoped that parents will feel able to support the school in its efforts to provide a full and interesting curriculum for all its pupils. If the contributions made are not sufficient to enable a planned trip to take place, the Headteacher may cancel the trip or make such changes to the organisation of the trip as he/she thinks necessary.
4. In respect of activities defined as "optional extras" (activities which are provided mainly out of school hours and which are not part of the school curriculum) charges may be made to cover any cost associated with that activity.
5. In respect of residential activities falling mainly in school time or which are part of the National Curriculum or religious education, no charge will be made for the education provided or the cost of travel though a charge may be made for board and lodging.

The annual residential visit by year 6 to The Oaklands Centre in Llanrwst would be an example of such an activity. At the present time parents are charged no more than half the actual cost of the trip. Where the school is aware that parents would like their children to take part in such activities but are unable to meet the cost, discussion will be held with parents to offer support with payments.
6. Parents may be asked for payment towards the cost of repairing or replacing any part of the fabric of the school or any item of school property which has been damaged or lost as a result of their child's behaviour.