



The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools

Charging & Remissions Policy

All education provided in school time must be free of charge. However, in order to provide an enriched curriculum of educational visits, visiting speakers and artists, parents/carers may be asked from time to time to provide voluntary contributions.

For school time activities no child can be penalised because their parents/carers are unable or unwilling to contribute voluntarily towards the cost of such activities.

Where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, and there is no way to make up the shortfall, then it must be cancelled.

Swimming: £3.50 p/w

Hot school meals: £2.50 ea.

Residential Trips

Schools are permitted to charge for the cost of board and lodging during residential trips. The cost must not exceed the actual cost of the provision.

Where the trip takes place wholly, or mainly, during school hours, children whose parents/carers are in receipt of the following support payments will, in addition to having a free school lunch entitlement, also be entitled to the remission of these charges.

Income Support

To be eligible for Income Support, all of the following must apply to you (and your partner if you have one):

- you're aged between 16 and Pension Credit qualifying age
- you have no income or a low income, and no more than £16,000 in savings
- you're not in full-time paid work (you can work less than 16 hours a week, and your partner can work less than 24 hours a week)
- you're not eligible for Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- you live in England, Scotland or Wales - there are different rules for Northern Ireland

You must also be at least one of the following:

- pregnant
- a lone parent (including lone foster or adoptive parent) with a child under 5
- a carer
- on maternity, paternity or parental leave

- unable to work because you're sick or disabled (or appealing a decision about work capability)
- in full-time education (not university), aged between 16 and 20, and a parent
- in full-time education (not university), aged between 16 and 20, and not living with a parent or someone acting as a parent
- a refugee learning English - your course needs to be at least 15 hours a week, and you must have started it less than 12 months ago
- in custody or due to attend court or a tribunal