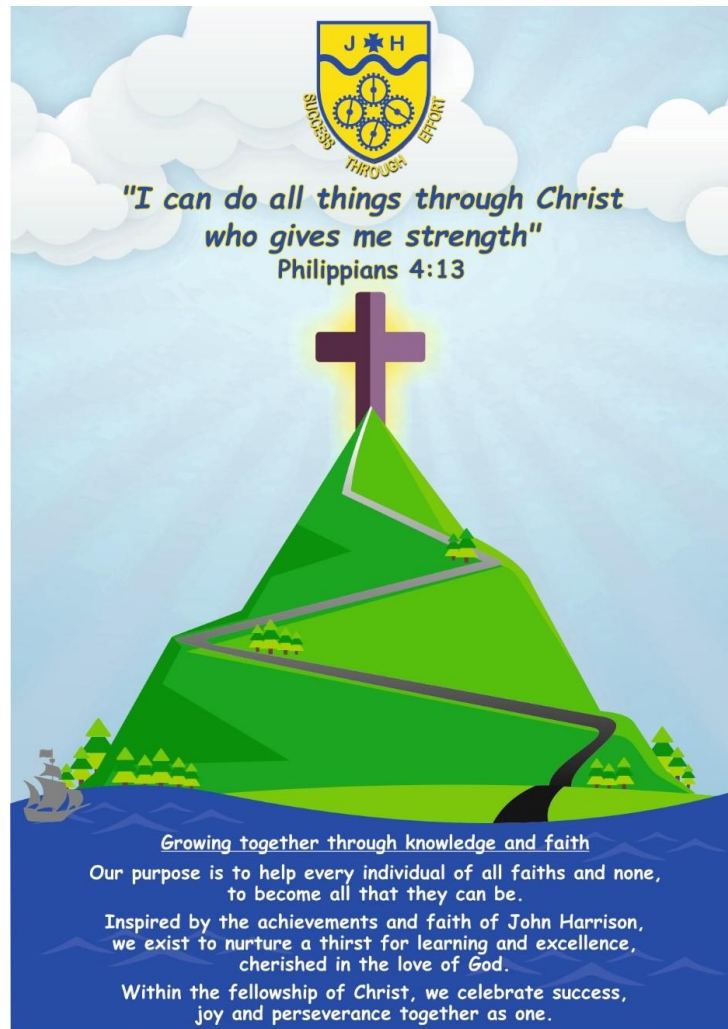


John Harrison CE Primary School

Charging and Concessions Policy



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John Harrison CE Primary School Charging Policy

1. Introduction

This policy has been formulated to ensure advice on charging for school activities is clear and transparent.

2. Aim

The aim of this policy is to set out what charges should be levied for school activities, what remissions could be implemented and the circumstances under which voluntary contributions can be requested from parents.

Sections 7, 8 and 9 cover education provided wholly or mainly during school hours; Section 10 covers charges for activities outside school hours, provided by or on behalf of the governing body of John Harrison CE Primary School.

3. Definition of Extended Provision

Extended use of school premises is when schools open up their school facilities either before, during or after the school day as well as during school holidays for educational, community or commercial use.

Education use is defined as any activity directly related to the curriculum.

Community use is defined as facilities and services that benefit families and the community as well as pupils.

Commercial use is defined as school facilities being let to external organisations/groups on a profit basis.

4. Responsibilities

The governing body of John Harrison CE Primary School is responsible for determining the content of the policy, and the head teacher is responsible for its implementation. Any decisions with respect to individual parents will be considered by the head teacher or jointly by the head teacher and governing body.

The governing body should make all users aware of local safeguarding procedures.

The governing body must ensure that all site users have their own safeguarding procedures in place and all staff are aware of their content. Safeguarding procedures should be equivalent to those adopted by the Children's Multi-agency Resilience and Safeguarding Board CMARS within North Lincolnshire.

5. Prohibition of Charges

In line with DFE guidance, the governing body will not charge for any of the following:-

- education provided wholly or mainly 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 religious education;
- tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as 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 religious education;
- entry for a prescribed public examination, if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school;

- examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit(s) at the school;
- education provided on any trip that takes place wholly or mainly during school hours;
- education provided on any trip that takes place 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 religious education;
- supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential trip;
- transporting registered pupils to or from the school premises, where the local authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport;
- transporting registered pupils to other premises where the governing body or local authority has arranged for pupils to be educated;
- transport that enables a pupil to meet an examination requirement when they have been prepared for that examination at the school;
- transport provided in connection with an educational trip that is wholly or mainly in school hours.

6. Publication of Information

A full copy of this policy will be provided on request.

7. Charges for Curricular Activities

- (a) board and lodging on residential visits (not to exceed the costs incurred)
- (b) the proportionate costs for an individual child taking part in activities wholly or mainly outside school hours ('optional extras') to meet the costs for:
 - (i) travel
 - (ii) entrance fees
- (c) individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument
- (d) extra-curricular activities and school clubs by external providers e.g. Rushbys Dance & Fitness/ Kidslingo or sport provided by a coach outside the school day
- (e) extra-curricular activities that require additional equipment /ingredients eg Cookery

8. Concessions

Where the trip takes place wholly or mainly during school hours, PPG children will, in addition to having a free school lunch entitlement, also be entitled to concession of these charges if their parents are in receipt of any of the following support payments:

- a. Income Support;
- b. Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- c. Income-related Support Allowance
- d. Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- e. Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) and an annual income of no more than £16,190
- f. The Guaranteed State Pension Credit
- g. Working Tax Credit 4-weeks run-on.

The amount taken into account will be revised periodically in line with changes to the amount published by the DFE and in view of the parents' circumstances.

A payment plan will be discussed and agreed with the parent /carer to assist them.

The additional money may be sought from School fund or from other charitable organisations.

9. Voluntary Contributions

The guidance clearly states schools' entitlements under the legislation to ask for voluntary contributions 'for the benefit of the school or any school activities'. It also states that: *'If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a visit, then it must be cancelled. Schools must make sure that they make this clear to parents. If a parent is unwilling or unable to pay, their child must still be given an equal chance to go on the visit'*.

Parents will be invited to make a voluntary contribution for the following:

- a) all visits made to enhance the curriculum
- b) theatre visits which are directly curriculum related
- c) residential visits

The terms of any request made to parents will specify that the request is for a voluntary contribution and in no way represents a charge. In addition the following will be made clear to parents:

- a) that the contribution is genuinely voluntary and a parent is under no obligation to pay; and
- b) that registered pupils at the school will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request.

The responsibility for determining the level of voluntary contribution is delegated to the head teacher.

Voluntary contributions will be used to:

- Cover the cost

10. Charges for Extended Activities

- a. Charges are made for optional, extra activities provided outside of the school day (for example Sport /music). Charges are also made for extended activities provided in or around the school by, or on behalf of the governing body. These fall under the following three broad categories:

Educational activities: Activities organised or commissioned by schools for the benefit of their own pupils such as study support and other enrichment activities (e.g. museum visits).

Non-educational activities: Extra-curricular activities organised by schools or recreational activities for school pupils (e.g. theatre visits/pantomime).

Community programmes: Activities organised for the benefit of the wider community, often run with or by external groups (e.g. Breakfast club, sport, performing arts, adult education).

- b. Charges are made for renting or leasing part of the school premises or use of school equipment.

A schedule of charges for individual activities currently provided on or around the school site is available on request (see Lettings Policy).

This Policy will be reviewed by the governing body annually, or earlier if considered necessary.