



**Crowlands Primary School
and
Newtons Primary School**

**Charging and Remissions Policy
2018 - 2021**

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Statement of intent

The Governing Board of The Growing Together Federation recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips and clubs, can make towards pupils' education.

The Governing Board aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the Federation and as additional optional activities.

Charges

The Governing Board reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the Federation:

School Visits in school Hours

Parents are asked to make a contribution to cover the cost for their child's share of the total expenditure. If necessary the Federation will financially support trips through a subsidy from school fund/budget. Without parents'/carers' contributions the viability of the trip is in question and may result in cancellation. Children of parents who are unable, or unwilling, to contribute may not be discriminated against.

Residential Visits

Each year residential trips are organised for pupils in Year 6. We ask parents/carers to contribute on a regular basis for this trip until the balance has been paid.

This is with the exception of pupils whose parents are receiving:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

These parents are exempt from paying for the cost of board and lodgings. The HT must inform all parents of the right to claim free board and lodgings if they are receiving these benefits.

Activities outside school Hours

The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours.

Music Tuition

A charge will be made to parents of pupils receiving recorder and vocal tuition, except where the tuition is essential to fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum. All other music tuition is now operated independently by Havering Music School.

General

The Governing Board may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Board from inviting parents to make a Voluntary Contribution towards the cost of additional activities which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.

The Head Teacher has discretion to waive charges as they think fit.

It is the intention of the Governing Board that charges do not result in a 'profit' for the Federation. In the event of a profit being made this will be refunded to parents/carers if the amount exceeds £5 per pupil. If the amount of profit is less than £5 per pupil the profit will be put back into Federation funds to be used towards the next educational visit.

Remissions

The Governing Board may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. The Executive Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors will make authorisation for such remission.

Crowlands Primary School Charges

Charging in Kind

The cost of materials, ingredients, equipment (or the provision of them by parents) for the following subjects: CDT, Science, Art/Craft.

Breakfast Club

A charge will be made to parents currently set at £3.50 per morning and agreed by the Governing Board. This fee will cover supervision and breakfast.

Late Collections after School

Should a child not be collected on time a charge of £3.00 will be made to the Parent/Carer for every 15 minutes late from 3.30pm.

Nursery

Parents whose children stay all day will be required to pay a supervision charge currently set at £5.00 per hour and agreed by the Governing Body. If availability, parents can pay to top up their child's place to 30 hours per week. This fee has been set at £75.00 per week plus £5.00 per day lunchtime supervision.

