



'Let your light shine'

**The Nethersole CE Academy
Charging and Remissions Policy
January 2023**

Adopted:

Due for Review:

Let your light shine!

The Nethersole Church of England Academy and Nursery has a Christian foundation that inspires our life and work. Following the teaching of Jesus, we accept the challenge:

‘to be light [living in our community and reaching out beyond it], bringing out the God-colours in the world.’ Matthew 5:16

At the heart of our school is the belief that everyone is a child of God. Our work therefore, is to nurture and love every individual, child and adult, to find and develop their gifts, overcome barriers and enable them to grow in confidence and *to let their light shine as the very best God version of themselves.*

Effective teaching and learning underpins this.

We believe that there is a space for everyone to shine brightly and differently and that this adds to the richness of our school family, our community and the wider world.

Our Christian vision for everyone to be unique shining lights in God’s world is illuminated by our biblically based Christian values that we learn to radiate in our daily lives - in our attitudes, relationships, behaviour, choices and decisions: - ***wisdom, forgiveness, respect and reverence, thankfulness, hope and community.***



Introduction

Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996 sets out the law on charging for school activities in schools maintained by local authorities in England. Academies (including free schools, studio schools and university technical colleges) are required through their funding agreements to comply with the law on charging for school activities.

The school aims to promote equality in all aspects of school life and with regard to all matters embraced by this policy will comply with the relevant legislation relating to equal opportunities, race relations, sex discrimination and age discrimination.

Please note that this policy only applies to pupils in school and does not include nursery aged pupils.

1. Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

2. Voluntary Contributions

- When organising educational visits or visitors to school, to enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If sufficient voluntary contributions are not received, the activity may be cancelled. If the activity

goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. These children will not be treated any differently from others.

- If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity.
- The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive.
 - visits to museums, farms, educational centres
 - sporting activities which require transport expenses
 - outdoor adventure activities
 - visits to or by a theatre company into school
 - after school clubs

3. Residential Visits

- If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly relating to the National Curriculum, there will be no charge for the education. However, there will be a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, and a request for voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport. If sufficient funds cannot be raised to cover the cost, the visit may have to be cancelled.

Please note: Children of parents/carers receiving certain benefits may be eligible for part or total funding for elements of the cost. Parents/carers must write to the Head of School to be considered for funding. Authorisation for remission will be made by the Head I in consultation with the Local Governing Body and Chair.

4. Music Tuition

- All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- There is a charge for individual or small group music tuition as these lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers.

5. Swimming

- We make no charge for this activity. There is a charge for any swimming badges awarded if parents wish to purchase.

6. Sport

- The school may offer additional sport coaching after school. A qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, may run and organise these sessions. There will be a charge for these sessions.

7. Loss/Damage

- The school may ask for contributions to breakages and loss of books or equipment.

8. Passport Applications

- Should the Head of School be requested to complete a passport application regarding identity of a pupil, the school may charge a fee, this is due to the time required in order to complete this process.

9. Monitoring and Review

- This policy is monitored by the Local Academy Board, and will be reviewed annually.

Families experiencing difficulties in any of these areas are asked to contact the Headteacher.