

Jesse Gray Primary School Charges & Remissions Policy 2020

1 Introduction

- 1.1 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 (see also LA guidance for full details)

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it will include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.
- 2.2 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. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.
- 2.3 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;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
 - visits to or by a theatre company;
 - school trips abroad
 - Musical events.

3 Residential visits (see also LA guidance for full details)

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging, although parents who receive state benefits (see below) are exempt from this charge.
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guarantee element of Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
 - Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

4 Music tuition

- 4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
- 4.2 There is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons, but parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Y4. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place

6 Extra – curricular Clubs

- 6.1 When the school offers additional coaching after school and this is run by qualified coaches or outside coaches; we make a small charge for these sessions to cover the cost for this additional activity beyond the national curriculum.

7 Monitoring and review

- 7.1 This policy is monitored by the Resources committee of governing body, and will be reviewed every two years. Next review date autumn 2022. The school follows LA guidelines (available in full from school Office)