

# Grindon Infant School



## Charging and Remissions Policy

## **Introduction**

Grindon Infant School recognises the importance of offering a wide range of educational experiences to enrich pupils' learning and personal development. We are committed to providing these opportunities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and through optional additional activities. All education provided during school hours is free. No charges are made for activities that form part of the National Curriculum, religious education or statutory assessment requirements.

## **Legislation**

This policy complies with the Education Act 1996, sections 449–462, which set out the law regarding charging for school activities. It also reflects the Department for Education (DfE) guidance on charging for school activities and updated 2025 statutory guidance relating to Early Years funded entitlements (15- and 30-hour provisions).

## **Activities for Which Charges Cannot Be Made**

The School does not charge for:

- admission application to the School
- education provided during school hours (including materials, books, and equipment)
- education provided outside of 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 and;
- tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as part of the National Curriculum.
- Supply teachers required to cover staff accompanying pupils on educational visits
- Transport arranged by the school or local authority where this is a statutory requirement

## **Activities for Which Charges May Be Made**

Charges may be made for the following optional extras:

- Education or activities that take place outside school hours that are not part of the National Curriculum
- Additional Nursery sessions beyond the funded entitlement
- Nursery lunch club and childcare linked to extended hours
- Sessions for Two-Year-Old Provision that are not government-funded
- After-school clubs and breakfast clubs
- Individual or small-group music tuition not required for the National Curriculum
- Materials, books, equipment, or ingredients where parents wish the child to own the finished product
- Breakages, loss, or willful damage to school property, books, or equipment

- Visits to school by external professionals such as authors, musicians, artists, or performers

## **Voluntary Contributions**

Voluntary contributions may be requested for activities that enhance pupils' learning but cannot be funded entirely by the School.

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'. The list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums;
- Activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to the theatre;
- Musical events;
- Any materials, books, instruments, or equipment provided in connection with the optional extra.

All contributions are voluntary. No child will be excluded from an activity if parents choose not to contribute; however, insufficient voluntary contributions may result in cancellation of the activity.

## **Charges**

Early Years (Nursery and Funded Entitlement) – compliance with 2025 DfE Guidance and in line with updated DfE statutory guidance (2025):

- Funded 15 and 30 hour places must be free at the point of use.
- No mandatory charges may be applied as a condition of accessing funded hours.
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Charges only apply to:

- Additional private hours, meals, consumables and optional extras.
- Food, consumables and optional extras are voluntary, parents can opt out. Children can bring a packed lunch if they don't want to pay for a school meal.

All invoices are itemised clearly separating funded hours, paid hours, food charges, consumables and activity charges. These charges are clearly published on the School website.

## **Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 2. As these sessions take place outside of school hours and are not part of the statutory

National Curriculum requirements for KS1, a charge will be requested. Written parental permission is required.

The Governing Board reserves the right to review and amend this policy from time to time, as appropriate.



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