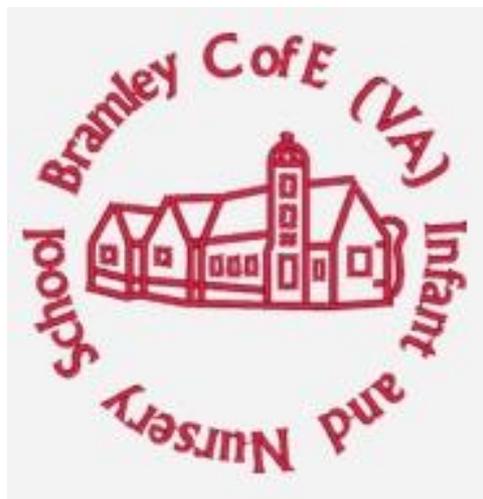


Bramley Church of England (VA) Infant and Nursery School

Policy on Charging and Remissions



Approved by: Resources Committee

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Rationale

Governors and staff at Bramley believe that a vital part of children's learning should take place in the local and wider environment as these places offer specific first hand experiences, which cannot be replicated at school. Alongside these experiences children are given the chance to develop their independence and their organisational skills when they go out of school. Wherever and whenever possible educational visits will be an integral part of each child's learning experience.

Aims

To ensure parents understand the rationale and policy on charging for education visits and activities.

Voluntary contribution

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may be forced to cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents or carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any 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. Sometimes the school or the PTFA pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Children who qualify for pupil premium will have the cost of the trip subsidised.

Parents and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents and carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to or by a theatre company
- visits to historical buildings
- visits to farms

Value for money

The school follows its best value procedures when organising school trips. At least 3 quotes will be obtained for coaches and if necessary an alternative venue will be investigated.

Outside companies

The school offers a variety of after school clubs arranged by outside agencies. Should parents wish their child to take part in these activities they make arrangements and payments directly to the company involved. The school will however, endeavour to obtain free spaces and/or pay for PP children to attend.

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if necessary.