



NORTHWOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARGING and REMISSION POLICY

VISION:

At Northwold we are committed to working together to prepare our children for life as responsible, global citizens:

- with a strong Inclusive ethos
- values individuality and recognizes that each person has an important contribution to make to our society
- ensures equal access and opportunity for all
- actively seeks to remove the barriers to learning and supports interactive participation of all its children ensuring best outcomes for all.

WE WILL EMPOWER ALL CHILDREN:

- To be active and engaged learners who take responsibility for their learning, behaviour and success.
- To develop their confidence, honesty, self-awareness and resilience, as well as pride in their individual identities.
- To develop the skills to make positive decisions about their futures, their families, their communities and the world.
- To develop skills and knowledge, which can be applied in a variety of ways, so they can be independent when they are working and living in our changing world.

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Our school aims to:

- Have robust, clear processes in place for charging and remissions.
- Clearly set out the types of activities that can be charged for and when charges will be made.
- Outline the occasions when charges are made or voluntary contributions requested are within the requirements of the Charging for Schools Activities May 2018.
- The cost of all visits and excursions will be kept to a minimum to be affordable to all families

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES:

The school is committed to the following:

- Opposing all forms of discrimination – individual and institutional, direct and indirect.
- Challenging all forms of discrimination about different groups in society.
- Translating good equal opportunities principles into all our policies and practice.
- Maintaining and developing an inclusive culture where every individual feels valued and aspires to succeed.

ADMISSIONS

There is no charge for admissions.

SCHOOL MEALS

There is no charge for children who are entitled to free school meals or universal free school meals. Pupils who are not entitled to free school meals will be charged £1.70 per day.
Please note that children in Nursery are not entitled to free school meals unless parents have applied via the Local Authority (Hackney Learning Trust) and confirmation is sent to the school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A charge is attached to school uniform items. These can be purchased at the front office or online.

ACTIVITIES DURING SCHOOL HOURS

The cost of all activities offered by the school during school hours is met by the school. In addition to the basic education provided in each classroom this also includes whole class music instrumental lessons. There is no charge for transport during school hours to school-organised activities

CLASS VISITS

Money from the school budget is identified to allow teachers to organise visits free of charge for their classes as part of the delivery of the National Curriculum. As this budget is limited and in order to allow pupils to participate in the widest range of experiences we do ask parents to make a voluntary contribution towards some trips. The school policy makes clear that these contributions are voluntary and no child will be excluded or treated differently as the result of a voluntary contribution not being forthcoming. Parents may be asked to contribute to their child's non-curriculum end of year trip.

SCHOOL JOURNEYS- RESIDENTIAL

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The school organises a residential stay for pupils in Year 6. It is the objective of the Governing Body to work towards ensuring that no child should be excluded from these residential visits due to cost. The school makes a significant contribution to all residential visits in order to support those who may find it hard to pay the full cost. Children who are entitled to FSM are subject to remission arrangements. However, if sufficient contributions are not received from parents or via fund raising event and the school cannot fund the trip from other source then the visit will have to be cancelled and all contributions received will be refunded.

HOMEWORK PACKAGE

The school provides a homework package that consist of and English, Mathematics book for Year 1-6 and Handwriting for Years1-4 children. In addition all children have access to online programmes such as Reading Eggs, SPAG.com and Maths Watch. The total cover for the books and online programmes is approximately £20 per child. We ask parents to contribute £8 towards the homework package. For parents with more than one child in school a concessionary charge of £5 will apply.

DAMAGE TO SCHOOL PROPERTY- EQUIPMENT/RESOURCES

Where school equipment such as laptops or ipads etc or the building is damaged as a result of a pupil's inappropriate behaviour, parents are expected to make a contribution of £50 towards replacement costs. This information is included in the school's behaviour policy.

PLAYCENTRE

Playcentre is also available for after school care. It can hold a maximum of 30 pupils and runs from 3.30pm to 6pm each day. If you are interested in your children attending the Playcentre please speak to the office for further details. We charge £6.50 a day for working parents and free school meal children will be charged £4.50 per day. A penalty charge of £2 per minute will be incurred if parents collect their child/children late. This penalty charge **MUST** be paid in the school office and a receipt will be issued.

EXTENDED SCHOOL

- **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

The school is dedicated to providing a well-rounded and extensive education for our pupils which includes extra-curricular activities- example Football, Sewing, Arts and Crafts, Science, Cooking, Dance- Bollywood, Hip Hop, and Drama. All clubs taught by staff cost £2.50 per session and clubs taught by external organisations (Hackney Theatre Group) cost £3.70 per session.

- **BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB**

The school is able to provide a before school club for a limited number of pupils before school starts each day. It is not possible to subsidise this provision. There is a charge which covers the cost of the salary of the staff members involved. We charge £2.50 per day.

MUSIC TUITION

The school does not charge for whole class musical instrument lessons from Years 2-6. However, there is a charge of £50 per term for 1:1 or small group music tuitions requested by parents and delivered by specialist tutors (The school contributes to these lessons).

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OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITES

There is discretion for the Headteacher to subsidise the cost of activities organised out of school hours. This will include sports activities and associated travel expenses. These costs can be met from the School Fund.

REMISSIONS AND CONCESSIONS

Northwold will give consideration to the remission of charges to parents or cares who receive the specified benefits as outlined on the DfE website. The list of benefits to which this applies can be found here- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

Charges for chargeable activities may be fully or partly remitted. Where appropriate, Governors approve the use of delegated budget and other funding streams such as Pupil Premium to allow chargeable activities to be fully or partly remitted.

Details of any remission arrangements will be made clear when parents are informed of charges for individual activities.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints about the implementation of this policy or any decisions taken in line with the policy will be considered as part of the school's complaints procedures.

Signed by:

_____ The Chair of Governors/Trustee Date: _____

_____ Headteacher Date: _____

The policy will be reviewed September 2019