



# Cartmel CE Primary School

## Charging and Remissions Policy

# 2024/2026

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Approved by: N.Devenish

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### **Mission Statement**

*'Mighty Oaks from Little Acorns Grow'*

We will do our best, be happy and honest, show respect and be friendly.

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.'

Proverbs 22:6 (Good News Version)

At Cartmel we create a happy caring environment based on Christian Values, where we value every child and encourage them to strive for their highest standards of achievement. We ensure that our young people go into the world as confident, independent, responsible citizens with a love for learning.

Our Mission Statement pays homage to our conviction that there is something potentially wonderful in every individual.

### **Introduction**

The policy of the Governors of Cartmel CE Primary School is to provide free education for all attending children. This policy is implemented within the letter of the law and also embracing the spirit of it. The Governing Body has, therefore, set up a charging and remissions policy for certain activities in School. It will be reviewed annually.

## **Outline**

Where visits or enrichment activities in School are arranged either as an integral part of a particular syllabus or to enhance pupils' learning experience, parents may be asked to contribute towards the cost. However, legislation states that a child should not be debarred from a visit if a parent does not wish to contribute. In cases of family hardship, parents may apply, in confidence, to the Headteacher for exemption from such contributions or support towards the requested contribution. However, we hope that parents will realise that there comes a point when a visit is not viable if sufficient contributions are not forthcoming.

There may be occasions when an organisation other than the LA or the School Governing Body arranges an activity during school hours and parents want their children to take part. Such organisations may charge parents for the services provided but permission for children's absence must be sought from the School.

We believe that a school should give children as many varied learning experiences as possible and we shall do our utmost to ensure that all our children have the opportunity to benefit from such experiences.

For other activities such as music tuition, field trips, concert and theatre visits, the following indicates the charges that will be made.

- Individual instrumental music tuition that is over and above the National Curriculum, and/or an approved examination syllabus. A charge will be made per lesson directly from the visiting music teacher. Price increases will be communicated to the parents directly by the music teacher.
- Activities outside school time not related to statutory duties, e.g. after-school activities. Charges will be made.
- Board and lodging on residential visits. Parents are to be charged except in cases of statutory remission.
- Visits and trips that are a compulsory element of the curriculum. Parents will be asked for a voluntary contribution.
- The School reserves the right to charge parents for damage caused by their children as a result of inappropriate behaviour, such as disregard for the School rules or failure to follow staff instructions.