

Charging and Remissions Policy

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Introduction

- Blanche Nevile School does not charge for the daily education of students.
- This policy is monitored by the governors' Finance, Staffing and Resources (FSR) Committee, and will be reviewed as outlined in the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Prohibited Charges

In accordance with legislation, governors ensure that charges are not made for the following:

- education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment)
- education provided outside school hours if it is part of the curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the student is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education
- entry for a prescribed public examination, if the student has been prepared for it at the school;
- education provided on any trip that takes place during school hours
- education provided on any trip that takes place outside school hours if it is part of the curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the student is being prepared for at the school, or part of the schools basic curriculum for religious education
- supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying students on a residential trip
- transporting registered students to or from the school premises, where the local education authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport
- transporting registered students to other premises where the governing body or local education authority has arranged for students to be educated
- transport provided in connection with an educational trip

Voluntary contributions

- When organising school trips, visits or residential school journeys in school time - or mainly in school time - the school encourages parents/carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions planned trips may have to be cancelled, (although this would be unusual since the school always tries to honour the carrying-out of such trips in the best interests of students)
- The school will periodically ask for contributions towards the cost of ingredients for cookery lessons, but again these are entirely voluntary

Remissions

- Students of parents/carers registered as eligible for free school meals (FSM) can receive a free school meal. Other parents/carers must pay for meals unless they choose to send in a packed lunch for their son/daughter. School meal costs are published annually to parents/carers.
- Parents/carers of students registered as eligible for FSM at any point in the last 6 years, (or parents/carers of looked after, adopted or in-care students), *may* be offered assistance in paying for day or residential trips for their son/daughter through the Pupil Premium, (*see below*). Costs are published annually to parents/carers.

Parents/carers in receipt of one or more of the credits listed below can qualify for a Free School Meal:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA (IR))
- Child Tax Credit (providing your assessed annual income is less than £16,190, and you are not entitled to any Working Tax Credit)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit provided that you have an annual net earned income of less than £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- If you are supported by NASS under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. You must provide your NASS number.

