

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

Lever House Primary School



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INTRODUCTION

The charging and remissions policy is subject to annual review to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

CHARGING POLICY

Activities without charge

There will be no charge for the following activities:

- Education provided wholly or mostly during school hours. This includes the supply of any materials, books, instruments, other equipment and also transport provided in school hours to carry pupils between the school and an activity.
- Education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination which the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education.
- Instrumental and vocal music tuition for pupils learning individually or in groups , unless the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent / carer.
- Entry for a prescribed public examination including re-sits if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school.
- Examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit at the school.

Voluntary Contributions

The school may ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of school-time activities to assist with funding, subject to the following conditions:

- Any children of parents who do not wish to contribute will not be treated any differently.
- Where there are insufficient contributions to make the activity viable, or the school cannot fund it from some other source, then the activity will be cancelled.

All requests to parents for voluntary contributions will make it clear that the contributions are voluntary and that there is no obligation to make any contribution.

Chargeable Activities

The school may recover the full costs of the following activities but charges will not exceed actual cost:

- Any materials, books, instruments, or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him/her to own them;
- Optional extras (see below);
- Music and vocal tuition, in limited circumstances (see Appendix A);
- Certain early years provision (see the Education (Charges for Early Years Provision) Regulations 2012);
- Community facilities. (see S27 Education Act 2002)

Optional Extras

Charges may be made for some activities which are detailed below:

- Education provided outside of school time that is not:
 - part of the national curriculum;
 - part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school; or
 - part of religious education.
- Examination entry fee(s) if the registered pupil has not been prepared for the examination(s) at the school;
- Transport (other than transport that is required to take the pupil to school or to other premises where the local authority/governing body have arranged for the pupil to be provided with education);
- Board and lodging for a pupil on a residential visit (subject to remission arrangements)
- Extended day services offered to pupils (for example breakfast club, after-school clubs, tea and supervised homework sessions where this is run under the responsibility of the governing body). *see appendix B*

In calculating the cost of optional extras an amount may be included in relation to:

- Any materials, books, instruments, or equipment provided in connection with the optional extra;
- The cost of buildings and accommodation;
- Non-teaching staff;

- Teaching staff engaged under contracts for services purely to provide an optional extra, this includes supply teachers engaged specifically to provide the optional extra; and
- The cost, or an appropriate proportion of the costs, for teaching staff employed to provide tuition in playing a musical instrument, or vocal tuition, where the tuition is an optional extra.

Any charge made in respect of individual pupils will not exceed the actual cost of providing the optional extra activity, divided equally by the number of pupils participating.

Remissions Policy

There will be no board and lodgings charges for pupils whose parents/carers are receiving specified benefits. This is subject to change but usually equates to pupils being eligible for free school meals.

Charges for other 'chargeable activities' may also be fully or partly remitted. Where appropriate Governors approve the use of the 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.

Music Tuition

Link to Government guidance:

[The Charges for Music Tuition \(England\) Regulations 2007](#)

[Children Act 1989 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

Although the law states that, in general, all education provided during school hours must be free, instrumental and vocal music tuition is an exception to that rule.

The Charges for Music Tuition (England) Regulations 2007 set out the circumstances in which charges can be made for tuition in playing a musical instrument, including vocal tuition.

Charges may now be made for vocal or instrumental tuition provided either individually, or to groups of any size, provided that the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent. Charges may not exceed the cost of the provision, including the cost of the staff who provide the tuition.

The regulations make clear that charging may not be made if the teaching is either an essential part of the national curriculum, or is provided under the first access to the key stage 2 Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Programme. They also make clear that no charge may be made in respect of a pupil who is looked after by a local authority (within the meaning of section 22(l) of the Children Act 1989).

Optional Extra - Extended Day Services provided to children

Current price structure October 2024:

<u>Breakfast Club and After School Club Prices</u>		
	Breakfast Club	After School Club
Main Payer Rate	£3.50	£8.00
Sibling Rate	£3.00	£6.50

All monies are paid via ParentPay

Optional Extra - iPad Lease Scheme (HOME USE)

All children at Lever House have access to a 1:1 iPad throughout KS2, free of charge. Apps are purchased by school and all devices are managed within school.

We currently run an iPad lease scheme. This enables pupils to access the school apps and resources at home on their school device, in order for them to continue their learning.

This is an optional scheme and there is no obligation to lease an iPad.

The charge is solely for home-use and covers the the costs of general wear of the device and accessories; damages (in part*).

If parents wish to have access to the device at home for their child, prices are issued below:

Proposed prices for 2025-2026 (from September 2025 - July 2026)

Annual Lease - £60 annually (one payment) Nov 25 - July 26
 - £15 per half-term (totalling £75) Nov 25 - July 26

All payments must be made via ParentPay

If you are entitled to remissions, your child will receive an iPad for use at home fully funded by school.

*Please read the Lever House Primary School Lease Agreement for full details regarding price information and the terms and conditions of home use. All monies must be pre paid (before devices are sent home). Failure to make timely payments will result in the device being kept at school.