



**BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL**

**&**

**BABY UNIT**

## **Charging & Remissions Policy**

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**Review date: July 2025**

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*The Bowerham School community is proud to nurture aspiration, inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for a changing society.*

At Bowerham School we:

- Ensure all children have access to a fun and engaging, ambitious and creative curriculum that widens their life experiences
- Develop confident and independent learners with motivation, curiosity and a love of learning
- Ensure all children learn about and demonstrate the British Values of: tolerance, mutual respect, individual liberty, democracy and rule of law, while respecting differences including gender, ethnicity, religion and ability.
- Nurture, develop and challenge children to be aspirational and secure within themselves in order to prepare them for their future

Within our Bowerham Baby Unit we follow all Bowerham Primary & Nursery School's policies and procedures. Any wording highlighted in blue within the policies are specific additions only applicable to our Baby Unit.

### **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;

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- 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 contribute.

### **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 B);
- 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;
  - 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).

(Note: schools may wish to attach a schedule of current charges as an appendix to the policy)

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.

## Nursery Provision

Nursery age children are entitled to either 15 hours or 30 hours provision (as determined by the government) over five days per week without charge from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Nursery age children from the age of 2 and rising 3's are entitled to provision at a cost of £5 per hour. Children identified by the government as having a free entitlement from the age of 2 are exempt from this charge upon production of a government issued exemption letter or a funding code.

The school charges for provision for those Nursery children who attend lunch club. The cost for this provision is £2.50 per day. If the child has a hot school meal during this time the cost of this is an additional £2.40. This money is paid into the school's budget.

School provides nursery wrap around care for Nursery age children outside of the normal session times at a cost of £5 for a morning session from 7.45am to 8.45am and £12.50 for an after school session from 3.15pm to 5.45pm.

### **Baby Unit**

Children attending the Bay unit will incur a charge of £8 per hour for care provision. This cost applies to all sessions. Session times will run the same as the Nursery provision.

### **Late Collection**

For parents/carers who persistently picked up late the school will charge for this in line with our Nursery afterschool club care. The charge for 2024/25 is £12.50.

## **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 be fully or partially 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 remission arrangements will be stipulated when parents are advised of charges for individual activities.

## **MUSIC TUITION**

Link to Government guidance: -

[https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/2239/pdfs/ukxiem\\_20072239\\_en.pdf](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/2239/pdfs/ukxiem_20072239_en.pdf)

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

## **Breakages and Fines**

The Governors reserve the right to charge pupils and their parents for the cost of any damage resulting from a pupil's misbehaviour.

## **Clothing Stock and Photographs**

The school charges the full market price for any clothing, kit or photographs that it sells. This may include a profit margin. Alternatively the school may receive commission from the marketing company.

### **LINKS TO GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE: -**

- [Charging for school activities \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/424242/charging-for-school-activities.pdf)

• [https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/2239/pdfs/ukxiem\\_20072239\\_en.pdf](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/2239/pdfs/ukxiem_20072239_en.pdf)  
The Education (Charges for Early Years Provision) Regulations 2012 (legislation.gov.uk)