

Beormund School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

The law on charging is set out in the Education Reform Act 1988. Circular 2/89 clarifies the law. Any charging policy must maintain equality of opportunity for all pupils. Beormund will adhere to this principle in its practices

Policy

The school will not charge parents for any activity which takes place wholly or partly during school hours. This includes all materials, books, or other equipment. Visits to museums, places of interest including transport costs. It also includes swimming and music tuition given as part of the music curriculum. The exception is a residential school journey when they will be may be asked to pay the costs of board and lodging or asked for a voluntary contribution.

Residential Visits

The school regularly undertakes residential visits with the children. Parents may be asked to contribute a fair percentage of the cost of any trip wherever and if necessary. The school fundraises to cover the cost of residential trips wherever possible and has made an allowance in the schools budget to cover residential trips which funding cannot be found for.

Voluntary Contributions

On occasion parents/carers will be asked for voluntary contributions or to provide pocket money. It will be made clear to parents:

- a) that there is no obligation to contribute
- b) that pupils will not be treated differently whether or not parents/carers have made any contribution.

Where an activity cannot proceed without the benefit of voluntary contributions it will be made clear to parents/carers at the outset that this is the case. Parents/carers will then be aware that the activity may not take place if they are reluctant to support it.

Pocket Money

In cases where pocket money is appropriate the school will recommend a reasonable amount to parents/carers and strongly urge that this amount is not exceeded. Where parents/carers cannot supply pocket money the school will see that the pupils are not disadvantaged.