



Charging and Remissions Policy – September 2026 (Review: September 2027)

The Governing Body of the School are responsible for determining the content of this policy and the Head Teacher for its implementation. Any determinations with respect to individual parents will be considered by the Head Teacher and School Business Manager.

The aim of this policy is to set out what charges will be levied for activities; what remissions will be implemented and the circumstances under which voluntary contributions will be requested from parents. At Parklands Primary School we believe that all our pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits (curriculum and extra-curricular) independent of their parent's financial means.

The school may invite parents and carers to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of educational activities, including trips, visitors, workshops, or enrichment events. These contributions enable the school to offer a wider range of opportunities that enhance the curriculum.

- All contributions are **entirely voluntary**.
- No child will be excluded from any activity because their parent or carer is unwilling or unable to make a contribution.
- Pupils will not be treated differently based on whether a contribution is made.

Like many schools, we are operating under increasing financial pressures. Where the cost of an activity cannot be met fully from the school's budget, we kindly ask families—where they are able—to make a voluntary contribution to help ensure such opportunities can continue. The school will also seek to fundraise and explore alternative funding options wherever possible to reduce the financial burden on families.

If insufficient voluntary contributions are received to cover the costs of an activity, the school reserves the right to cancel or amend the activity.

Education during school hours

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum. Parklands has one of the highest number of children eligible for Pupil Premium money in Leeds at 41%, therefore all the children benefit from all activities being free of charge.

Education outside school hours/residential

Parents are not charged for activities that take place out of school hours, when these activities are not a necessary part of the National Curriculum. Parklands has one of the highest number of children eligible for Pupil Premium money in Leeds at 41%, which allows for all activities such as residential and educational visits to be free of charge. In a school where PP is so high, it is difficult to exclude the few, therefore all the children benefit from all activities being free of charge.



Swimming Lessons

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Year 4 and RP. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for the swimming lessons.

Music

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum and we do not charge for this. Activities not run by the school Parklands offers additional extra-curricular activities such as clubs after school. These may be run by qualified coaches, or other providers, who are not members of the school staff. Again, this is free of charge for all of the children that want to take part.

Breakfast Club

To ensure the provision of a high quality, safe and stimulating service a small fee of £2.00 per day per child charged. We have gained a unique sponsorship deal with Magic Breakfast providing unlimited Bagels from Bagel Nash; unlimited porridge from Scottish Oates; unlimited cereals from Kellogg's and fresh juice from Tropicana