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Charging and Remissions Policy October 2025

Introduction

The DfE regularly publishes advice for schools in England that aims to help governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities determine their policies on charging and remission for school activities and school visits. A guidance document, which details the DfE's current advice and provides examples of frequently asked questions, can be accessed via:

[Charging for school activities \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

This document has been written under this guidance. Standhill Infants' School and Nottinghamshire County Council charging policy applies the DfE's advice as follows:

1. The County Council expects schools to operate within the law and not charge for those activities for which, legally, charges cannot be made. Within these legal constraints, however, the County Council recognises that each school governing body is responsible for its own charging and remissions policy. The County Council would wish to encourage school governing bodies, in determining their policies in this respect, to be mindful of the financial circumstances of pupils and their parents. The County Council would also wish to remind school governing bodies that pupils may be assisted, at the governors' discretion, from the school's budget or other funds at their disposal and that pupils must not be excluded from any school activity that extends or enriches the curriculum for their class or group because they have not made a contribution to the cost.

General position

2. In recognition of its commitment to free education, Nottinghamshire County Council does not normally charge pupils or parents for any activity which it directly organises, except in the circumstances described in this document.

School governing body responsibilities

3. The responsibility for charging for other school activities, for which charges are permitted under the Education Act 1996, rests with each individual school governing body, although the LA expects that in determining their charging policies school governors will be mindful of the general principles set out by the - see link below.

[SCHEMES FOR FINANCING SCHOOLS: \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

4. The governing body of Standhill Infants' School states that activities organised by the school, in school time, cannot be charged for however:

Voluntary contributions will be asked for to subsidise school trips. No child will be excluded from an activity simply because their parents are unwilling or unable to pay. If insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund the visit, or the school cannot fund it from another source, then it must be cancelled.

Standhill Infants' School will help towards the cost of trips for PP children.

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