The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth

Together for a Brighter Future

CHARGING and REMISSIONS A STATEMENT OF POLICY

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Charging and Remissions Policy (2026–2027)

The Governing Body of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth adopts the Isle of Wight Local Authority's Policy on Charges and Remissions for School Activities. The full policy should be consulted for complete details; the key principles are outlined below.

Education During School Hours

All education provided during school hours is free of charge. No fees are applied for activities that form part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of individual or small-group music tuition, where permitted by legislation.

Remissions

The purpose of the Remissions Policy is to ensure that all pupils can access the full range of educational opportunities offered by the school. It recognises the financial challenges faced by families on low incomes and aims to remove barriers to participation.

Parents or carers who receive any of the following are eligible for statutory remission:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided Working Tax Credit is not received and income does not exceed the threshold set by HMRC)
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Where a pupil is eligible, the Governing Body will fully remit the cost of board and lodging for any residential activity organised by the school that takes place wholly or mainly during school hours.

The Governing Body also recognises that some families may experience hardship even if they do not meet the criteria above. In such cases, parents may apply confidentially for partial or full remission of charges for specific activities. Decisions will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

Data Protection and Confidentiality

The school is committed to protecting the privacy of pupils and families. Staff will ensure that no child is publicly identified as eligible for remissions or Free School Meals. Systems for collecting voluntary contributions or dinner money will be designed to avoid singling out pupils who are unable to contribute.

Voluntary Contributions

For trips and activities that enrich the curriculum, the school may invite parents to make a voluntary contribution**.** These contributions are optional; however, insufficient contributions may result in the cancellation of an activity.

All pupils will be included in activities that take place during school hours, regardless of whether their parents contribute. The school may subsidise costs, including through Pupil Premium funding where appropriate. Parents may request information on how any trip or activity is funded.

Examples of activities that may require voluntary contributions include:

- Museum visits
- Activities requiring transport
- Outdoor adventure experiences
- Theatre visits
- School trips with additional costs
- Some after-school clubs
- Musical events

This list is not exhaustive.

Residential Visits

Where a residential visit takes place wholly or mainly during school time and is linked directly to the National Curriculum, the school will not charge for the educational elements of the visit. Charges may be made for board, lodging, and optional activities**.** These costs may be reduced or waived for families eligible for Pupil Premium or statutory remissions.

Music Tuition

Music is taught as part of the standard curriculum at no cost to parents.

Charges may apply for additional instrumental or vocal tuition delivered individually or in small groups. Both schools operate a direct-billing arrangement with the music service, meaning the school does not handle payments.

Swimming

Swimming is a statutory requirement in Key Stage 2. The school provides swimming lessons for all Year 4 pupils during school time. Parents will be informed of lesson dates and asked to provide written consent. Any additional swimming provision beyond the statutory requirement may incur a charge.

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

The school aims to offer a range of after-school clubs and enrichment activities, such as football, sailing, and other sports or creative opportunities. To ensure sustainability and cover staffing or equipment costs, charges may apply**.**