



Coleridge Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Date: **September 2026**

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The school's curriculum is available to every child and his or her access to it is not limited by charges.

The school also operates a number of activities that enrich the curriculum and are enjoyed by all children. These activities include outings for all year groups and the opportunity to attend activities such as science workshops, author talks and drama groups that visit the school. There is an annual residential trip for Year 6 pupils. The cost of these activities is met by parental contribution.

Current legislation regarding parental contribution means:

- any parental payment for an outing or activity is voluntary
- we offer free packed lunches to anyone entitled to FSM (not universal free school meals)
- we do not ask for payment for board and lodging from anyone receiving Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA), Universal Credit, or Family Credit; we ask for a voluntary contribution towards other costs of the Year 6 residential trip
- each year team will be able to budget and book trips accordingly, once the total donations for the year group have been collected
- we do not ask for money for materials or money to cover the cost of practical activities
- we do not ask for money to cover staff costs

However, we are allowed to:

- ask for voluntary contributions of money or materials
- cancel an activity or trip if there is inadequate support

All children are treated equally whether or not their parents have made a voluntary contribution.

Instrumental music is available to all pupils for an extra charge via the Haringey peripatetic music scheme. Parents can ask in either school office for an application form. Children are expected to provide their own recorder, but all other instruments can be hired for a modest extra charge.

School staff may run a club where there is no charge, but some staff run extra-curricular clubs and activities where there is a charge as it is run as a private club. Any charges made by outside groups for after school clubs will be the direct responsibility of the group/s concerned.