



Charging and Remissions Policy

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'Ripplevale School provides a caring learning environment where our students make meaningful progress, relative to their individual starting points. Our aim is to encourage them to develop appropriate personal, social and employable skills enabling them to become confident, independent and aspiring young people.'

Ripplevale School is an independent Special School. The school aims to meet the needs of students who are on the autistic spectrum with associated syndromes who may have additional learning difficulties. Students are referred by their Local Educational Authority who will be responsible for the funding of any agreed placement.

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the student's EHCP or provision plan.

Prohibition of Charges

The Directors recognise that the legislation prohibits charges for the following:

- Education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment).
- Education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the student is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education.
- Tuition for students learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as an essential part of the National Curriculum.
- Entry for a prescribed public examination, if the student has been prepared for it at the school.
- Education provided on any trip that takes place during **or out of** school hours.
- Education provided on any trip that takes place outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the student is being prepared for at the school, or part of the school's basic curriculum for religious education.
- Supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying students on a residential trip;
- Transporting registered students to or from the school premises, where the local education authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport.
- Transporting registered students to other premises where the Directors have arranged for students to be educated.
- Transport provided in connection with an educational trip.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the students, Ripplevale School does not expect parents/carers to contribute other than pre-discussed pocket money.

The following is an example list of additional activities organised by the school:

- Visits to museums.
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses.
- Outdoor adventure activities.
- Musical events.

UPDATE SCHEDULE

Version	Reviewed	Reason for update
1	January 2018	Statutory Update
2	January 2019	Statutory Update
2	01.02.21	Annual Review