BADSWORTH
CofE School

CARE – Prepare – Believe
'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13

Charging and Remissions Policy
September 2026

Statement of Intent
The Governors are committed to a free and comprehensive education which ensures equality of access and opportunity to all pupils.

General
1. No charge will be made in respect of admission to the school.

2. No charge will be made for activities which take place wholly or mainly during school hours, except in the case of individual music tuition.

3. No charge will be made for entering a pupil for any prescribed public examination for which the pupil has been prepared by the school.

Voluntary Contributions
1. To support some activities e.g., trips, visitors. Parents may be asked for voluntary contributions. If an activity cannot proceed without the benefit of such contribution's parents will be told at the outset.

2. Where an activity is counted as wholly during the school day, no child will be excluded because his/her parents are unwilling/unable to pay a voluntary contribution. However, the activity itself may have to be cancelled if it does not receive enough monetary support from parents. The one exception to this is the residential (see below).

3. Any amount requested will not exceed the actual cost of providing the activity, divided by the number of pupils willing to participate. The charge will not take into account the cost of staff already employed by the school.

4. The only possible refund for children who are absent from an educational visit, will be that portion of a voluntary contribution that has not been calculated by sharing costs equally i.e., it has not been arrived at by dividing a total cost by the number of children.

For example:
The individual cost of a coach, calculated by dividing the total cost by the number of children originally attending the visit, would **not** be refunded.
The individual ticket cost to enter a site **could** be refunded.

This portion will be refunded as long as the rules of the establishment being visited allow for this to happen.

5. With regard to small cohorts the school may help to reduce voluntary contributions by contributing to shared costs. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher and will only be with regard to the cost of those aspects of the trip which are **shared**.

For example:
The individual cost of a coach, is calculated by dividing the total cost by 24, the number of children in a small class. The school might make a contribution to allow the cost of the coach to be shared on the basis of 30 children

Music
1. Parents may be charged for individual instrumental music lessons or for lessons to a group of individuals up to and including four pupils unless such tuition is part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or is required by the National Curriculum.

2. For most instruments the charge is managed by the school, but for some instruments it is managed by a specialist provider.

3. The governors may make arrangements to ensure that pupils who are eligible for targeted free school meals are not excluded from the possibility of such tuition.

Games and Swimming

1. No charge will be made towards the transport costs of games and swimming which take place during the school day. Although a voluntary contribution towards transport may be requested.

After School Clubs

1. When school staff an after-school club the school charges £2 for attendance at an After-School Club to cover the cost of resources.

Breakfast Club

1. Parents are charged £4.00 per child, per session and are required to book and pay in advance via the Arbor App.

2. If parents need to cancel any bookings this must be 7 working days prior. If bookings are not cancelled 7 days prior parents will be charged in full. Bookings can be made until midnight the day before the service is required.

3. Any ad hoc requirements will receive an email from the school informing parents to log on to the Arbor App to make a payment on the same day as the session attended.

Residential

1. The Governors hope that all Year 6 pupils will be able to take part in the School Residential.

2. Parents will be charged for the cost of board and lodgings and will be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of activities. Children whose parents are unable or unwilling to meet these costs will unfortunately not be able to attend the residential.

Financial Support Fund

1. The Governing Body will financially support parents who can prove they receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with a net annual household earnings of £7,400 or less

(Targeted Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Criteria)

This support will manifest itself as described below.

2. After School Clubs: The school will pay 50% of the cost of any club for which there is a charge, up to a maximum of £30 per academic year.

3. School Trips: The school will pay 50% of the cost of any trip for which there is a charge, up to a maximum of £30 per academic year.

3. Residential: The school will pay 50% of the charge for Board & Lodgings per academic year:

4. Music Tuition: The school will pay 50% of the music lesson charges per term.

5. Breakfast Club: When attendance and punctuality is a concern, governors may consider making a 50% contribution to the child attending Breakfast Club to the maximum of £120.

Please note – if you qualify for Extended Free School Meals, this only provides for a free meal in school and does not qualify for any additional financial support from school.

School Property

1. The Governors reserve the right to charge parents if they or their child is found to be responsible for the wilful destruction of school property.