

**The Federation of St. Peter's Elwick
Church of England
Voluntary Aided
Primary School & Hart Community Primary
Schools**



CHARGING & REMISSIONS POLICY

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Signed: Chair of Governors:

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St. Peter's Elwick Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School & Hart Community Primary School

Our Shared Values

St. Peter's Elwick is a community with a strong Christian foundation and all values are based on Christian principles and teachings. Hart Community School is Community LA Maintained Primary School that shares the values of St. Peter's Elwick in a non-Christian context.

We respect and care for all members of the community, nurturing talents and creating opportunities for all in a supportive environment.

We enable all members of the school community to experience success, grow in confidence, and develop skills, attitudes and talents in personal, spiritual, social and academic fields.

We share a common set of values that underpin all that we do in our work at St. Peter's Elwick and Hart Primary School.

These values are:

Friendship & Trust

Always our Best (Service)

Thankfulness

Compassion

St. Peter's Elwick and Hart schools have a strong sense of community and draw on the very real partnerships that exist between school, Church and village. We seek to secure the school's reputation for excellence by raising further the academic, social, emotional and spiritual development of all our pupils. To achieve this we aim to:

- Provide a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment;*
- Motivate, inspire and enthuse all members of the school community;*
- Teach children how to learn;*
- Achieve the best possible academic attainments;*
- Have an excellent ethos and positive relationships;*
- Promote a healthy lifestyle;*
- Help pupils be confident, happy and have high expectations of themselves;*
- Set a high value on spiritual, moral, social and cultural education;*
- Develop international connections;*
- Be a school that parents, pupils, staff and the wider community are proud of;*
- Constantly seek ways to improve teaching and learning through the process of School Self Evaluation and Review.*

The Federation of St. Peter's Elwick CofE VA Primary School & Hart Community Primary Schools is committed to the promotion of equality and diversity.

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition. We make no charge for equipment, eg stationery and exercise books.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. It is made clear that parents are under no obligation to pay.

If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully on the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have the right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education or travel expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the cost of board and lodging.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the National Curriculum. We do not charge for this

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum, or not part of whole school music lessons. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. A charge is made for these lessons through Tees Valley Music Service. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

Sports Coaching and other after school clubs

The school offers additional clubs and sports coaching after school. We may charge for these sessions.