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based on love, wisdom, and respect.



Let your light shine, so that others may see the good you do.

Inspired by MATTHEW 5:16.

Charging and Remissions Policy

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This charging policy has been compiled in accordance with Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996, which set out the law on charging for school activities in schools maintained by local authorities in England and will be reviewed every 12 months.

School Visits (Statutory Requirements)

In the event of the school seeking to run a day trip, for any requirements of the national curriculum or religious education, no compulsory charges can be levied on parents/carers by the school.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we suggest a charge to cover the costs of travel, board, and lodging, although parents who receive state benefits are exempt from this charge. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

Lower Peover CofE Primary School has introduced peripatetic music tuition in the school; there is a charge for individual or small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum.

These individual or small-group lessons will be taught by external music teachers. Charging arrangements for these lessons is made directly between the external provider and parents.

Lettings

The school will make its facilities available to outside users and fees will be charged generally in-line with the Governing Board's recommended schedule of charges, which is updated annually, although the Headteacher has discretion to negotiate variations to these charges to meet the school's needs.

Costs per session for 2024-2025 are:

Parish Council:	£10 hall
WI:	£15 hall & kitchen
Sports Coaching Group:	£60 per day
Peripatetic Music:	10% of takings
Private Clubs After School Clubs:	10% of takings

Damage/Loss to Property

A charge will be levied in respect of wilful damage, neglect, or loss of school property (including premises, furniture, equipment, books, or materials), the charge to be the cost of replacement or repair, or such lower cost as the Headteacher may decide.

Voluntary Contributions

Where the school cannot levy charges, and it is not possible to run trips (or other activities) within the resources ordinarily available to the school, parents/carers will be invited to make voluntary contributions. In the event of insufficient voluntary contributions being received, the activity is likely to be cancelled with any voluntary contributions received being refunded. Pupils will not be

discriminated against on the basis of whether voluntary contributions have, or have not, been made on their behalf.

Remissions Policy

Parents/carers will be exempt from paying for educational trips and residential visits, if they are in receipt of any of the following:

1. Income Support.
2. Income Based Jobseekers Allowance.
3. Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
4. Child Tax Credit, providing that Working Tax Credit is not also received, and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) does not exceed £16,190
5. The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

The remissions criteria outlined above are identical to the criteria for Free School Meals eligibility. The school strongly encourages any parent/carer, who is in receipt of such benefits, to claim their full entitlement. Proof of current entitlement to any of these benefits would need to be provided to the school, in the event of a remission in charges being requested where the pupil is not in receipt of Free School Meals.

Any parent/carer experiencing difficulties in meeting any charges should discuss the matter in confidence with the Headteacher.