



Charging and Remissions Policy 2026-27

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INTRODUCTION

Hamer Community Primary School operates its Charging and Remissions Policy to reflect the ethos of the school.

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

When organising school trips, visits or activities 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. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include some 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 in the trip or activity if sufficient funds have been collected, meaning it can go ahead.

Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

As a school, we make some money available from our Pupil Premium funding, in order to subsidize some trips for disadvantaged children.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre or theatre groups visiting school;
- history visitors to school;
- musical events;
- science events;
- residential.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The school offers a breakfast club to children between the hours of 8.00am and 8:45am. The cost of this is currently £1:00 per day for children on free school meals, £2.00 per day for those who are not FSM and this cost includes breakfast. Children pay on a weekly basis for this. Places are allocated depending on needs and places are made available to children with Children's Social Care involvement .

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

The school offers activities both before and after school as part of its programme of extra-curricular activities. There is usually no charge for this, with the cost coming from Sports Funding. However, during the year, other outside agencies may sometimes run and organise these sessions. We may make a small charge for these sessions.

BOOK BAGS

A free book bag will be provided to children upon starting at Hamer. The school office sell additional school book bags to parents at a cost of £4:50 each.

REVISION/WORK BOOKS

The school sell revision/workbooks books to parents at cost price.

LOST/DAMAGED SCHOOL PROPERTY

The school will invoice parents for any items damaged or lost by their children at the appropriate cost price.

LATE COLLECTION CHARGE

If children are late being collected from school, a small charge will be made in order to contribute towards staffing costs – see Late Collection Policy for further details.

SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of a school meal for those children in KS2 who are not in receipt of FSM is £15.50 per week. This money is collected by school on behalf of GFM, the school's premises management company.

NURSERY FEES

Children receive a 15 hour per week free nursery placement and children who are eligible for a 30 hour week must have a code from the Government. If parents have any issues with renewing their 30 hour code, school will have to charge for extra 15 hours until the issue is resolved.