



## Charging and remissions policy

This policy will be reviewed in full on an annual basis.

This policy was reviewed and updated in February 2025.

Next review date: February 2026

This policy is reviewed by the Resources Committee.

The Governing Body has regard to Merton's Charging Policy and may choose to charge for certain defined activities. At Merton Abbey we seek voluntary contributions towards some activities, as without these financial contributions we may not be able to proceed with the event or activity. These include:

1. The board and lodging element of any residential activity which takes place during recognised hours, e.g. Key Stage 2 Educational Visits. Parents who are in receipt of benefits and whose children are on free school meals will receive help but we hope that such parents would endeavour to make full use of the school's saving scheme. The school's Saving Scheme allows parents to pay any amount in instalments prior to the educational visit. This option is also available for other visits.
2. The cost of ingredients/materials, e.g. food technology, design technology, on the understanding that the pupils can have the final product. Parents can discuss the matter with Mrs Al Sakkaf or with Mrs Sutton who will then liaise with the Headteacher.
3. Educational visits to enhance an aspect of the children's learning within the curriculum. Once again, the school's savings scheme can be used and financial aspects can be discussed with Mrs Al Sakkaf or Mrs Sutton who will then liaise with the Headteacher. No charge can be made for any educational day visits, however we seek voluntary contributions, and no child can be excluded by virtue of non-contribution.
4. Swimming lessons at Wimbledon Leisure Centre. The cost covers insurance, hire of the pool, instructors and a badge or certificate. We cannot charge for swimming, but seek only voluntary termly contributions. A child cannot be excluded by virtue of non-contribution.



5. Some visitors into school, e.g. authors, theatre groups, music groups. These are used to enhance aspects of the children's learning and experiences across the curriculum. Once again, we cannot charge for such visits but seek only voluntary contributions. A child cannot be excluded by virtue of non-contribution.
6. The cost of tickets to some events, e.g. music festivals, sporting events.
7. Some extra-curricular activities, i.e. those that may be run by external Sport Development Coaches, e.g. football, cricket, tennis, or those run as 'one off workshops', may incur a particular charge.
8. The school's Saving Scheme allows parents to pay any amount in instalments prior to the purchase of school uniform.
9. A small voluntary contribution towards items that are broken or lost by the children, e.g. equipment, windows and books.

