



Life in all its Fullness at Compton C of E Primary School

Charges and Remissions Policy: 2026/7

To cover the costs of trips during the school day we will ask for voluntary contributions. Where possible, we subsidise trips to make them cheaper for parents/carers. **No child will ever be excluded from attending a trip due to not contributing but if insufficient funds are collected we may need to cancel the trip.**

The Governing Body will from time to time ask for a 'voluntary' contribution to match the cost of travel and entry on any visit.

The Governors may also make a charge upon parents/carers for items on the following list:

- a) Board and lodging on a residential visit deemed to take place in school hours; the charge not to exceed the cost.
- b) Materials used in practical activities in school where a parent has indicated beforehand that he/she wishes to own the finished article. The charge will not exceed the cost of materials. Parents may be asked to supply materials rather than cash.
- c) All instrumental tuition.
- d) Education outside school hours. The charge for each individual will not exceed the cost for each individual.
- e) Any other items deemed in line with the DfE guidance.

As residential trips extend beyond the school day we require payment rather than voluntary contribution. Only children whose parents/carers have had a full payment at the agreed rate will be able to attend.

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit and entitled to Targeted Free School Meals, the residential is offered at a reduced rate subsidised by Compton and this is made clear at the time. The Governing Body will remit charges for board and lodging in respect of pupils whose parents are in receipt of Universal Credit (subject to specific income thresholds). Eligibility for FSM and fee remission typically applies to households receiving the qualifying benefit stated above, providing;

- 1) the activity is deemed to take place in school hours or
- 2) the activity takes place out of school hours but is required to fulfil any requirement specified in the syllabus or required by the National Curriculum.

The charge for each individual will not exceed the cost for each individual and in certain circumstances where financial hardship would make it difficult for a child to take part in a particular activity the Governing Body invites parents to apply, in confidence, to our Parent Support Advisor to discuss possible remission of charges in part or in full. Each case will then be considered by the headteacher in consultation with our PSA.

The school reserves the right to apply a discretionary charge to parents for any breakages or damages to property caused by their child.