



Birmingham Federation
Maintained Nursery Schools

Allens Croft Nursery School
Jakeman Nursery School
Shenley Fields Nursery School

Lillian De Lissa Nursery School
Newtown Nursery School
St Thomas Nursery School

Adderley Nursery School
Gracelands Nursery School
Highfield Nursery School

Charging and Remissions Policy Statement 2024-2025

**Cluster of
Gracelands Nursery School
Jakeman Nursery School**

The Birmingham Federation of Maintained Nursery Schools follows the policies and procedures from Birmingham City Council including BCC Financial Procedures Manual and Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership (BSCP) which includes the Government's Prevent Strategy.

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Cluster of

Gracelands Nursery School and Jakeman Nursery School

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RRS – The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child links

Article 2 (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 3 (best interests of the child) The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

Article 23 (children with a disability) A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children’s dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

RATIONALE

The Birmingham Federation of Maintained Nursery Schools Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' education.

The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

CONTEXT

The law states that education provided during school hours must be free. This definition includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Authority or the School. No pupil may be left out of an activity because their parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind.

AIMS

- To make school activities accessible to pupils regardless of family income
- To provide a process which allows activities to take place at a minimum cost to parents, pupils and the school and;
- Which acknowledges the cost of such activities to the school's budget.

CHARGES

The governing body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

- Residential Activities Taking Place Largely During School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of board and lodging. Parents have the right to claim free activities if they are in receipt of the following state benefits:

- Income Support
 - Income based Job Seekers Allowance
 - Support under section VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1996
 - Working tax credit and an annual income that does not exceed the published Inland Revenue threshold
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- Activities outside School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras that are not a necessary part of the national curriculum.

- Individual Instrumental Tuition

The full cost to the pupil for providing any instrumental tuition if the cost is not an essential part of the national curriculum or examination syllabus.

REMISSIONS

There will be no obligation for any parent to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of school activities and to the School Fund. Pupils will not be treated differently whether or not their parents have made a contribution.

The Governing Body may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity, such parents will be invited in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. The Executive Head Teacher, in consultation with the Chair of Governors, will make authorisation for such remission.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary contributions may be requested from parents to cover the cost of the following activities:

- cost of materials
- bus fares

- entrance fees
- school visitors

GENERAL

The Governing Body may, from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of additional activities, which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.

FEES

Gracelands 08.30 – 15:30 (Extended day hour 08:30-09:00 & 15:00-15:30 for 30 hours children)	3-4 year old 2-3 year old	£6.00 per hour £8.00 per hour
Jakeman Gracelands 08.30 – 15:30 (Extended day hour 08:30-09:00 & 15:00-15:30 for 30 hours children)	3-4 year old 2-3 year old	£6.00 per hour £8.00 per hour

*Fees charged at the 3-4 year old rate begin from the term after the child's third birthday, in line with Local Authority funded hours rates

PARENT / CARER GROUPS

We may charge a nominal fee to parents/ carers for attendance at our groups (stay and play, musical babies etc.) Some groups may be run on our site by (Governing Body approved) third party providers and charge their own fees for doing so.

OTHER CHARGES THAT MAY BE MADE BY OUR SCHOOL/S

- Those made for two-year-old provision
- Out of school club
- Holiday Club
- Top up (above and beyond the government 'free' entitlement)
- Groups/ classes
- Training provided by us
- Room bookings