



CHARGES AND REMISSIONS POLICY

Introduction

This charging policy has been compiled in line with DFE requirements and in accordance with s457 of the Education Act, 1996.

Basic Principles

No charge can be made for education during school hours. The definition of 'education' includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the school to carry pupils between the school and the activity. 'School hours' are those when the school is actually in session, and do not include the break in the middle of the day.

School trips, visits and practical activities enhance the pupils' learning and broaden their knowledge and experience. These are undertaken with the voluntary contributions of parents. No pupil will be excluded from an activity because his or her parents cannot or will not make a voluntary contribution. The opportunity to pay in instalments will be offered to parents who wish to pay in this way.

Voluntary Contributions

There is an exception to the rule about not charging for activities in school hours. Parents may be invited to make voluntary contributions to extend the value of school funds.

If a particular activity cannot take place without some help from parents, this will be explained at the planning stage. If a planned activity has to be cancelled any monies received will be returned. Contributions will not exceed the actual cost.

Examples where parents may be asked for a voluntary contribution include:

- Swimming
- School Trips
- Enrichment activities e.g. external drama group

Breakfast Club and After School Club

The School will charge parents for these services, out of school hours, and the scale of charges will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis.

Late Club fees

The school will charge parents an agreed fee per family per week and the scale of charge will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis. This facility is set up to support parents who have children at different schools, or indeed struggle to attend on time to collect their child regardless of reason.

Nursery top up fees

The School will charge parents for this service, and the scale of charges will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis. A deposit will be taken from all parents looking to hold a place for their child and refunded once they are admitted.

Ancillary Services

The School may offer additional non educational services and the scale of charges will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis. If the service is a one-off, the Head Teacher or Finance Committee may approve the charge.

Lettings

The school will make its facilities available to outside users at a charge of at least the cost of providing the facilities. The scale of charges will be approved annually by the Finance Committee.

Remissions Policy

If the parent /carer of a pupil is in receipt of Free School Meals/Pupil Premium the Head Teacher, or Governing Body may choose to levy charges in respect of a particular activity, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances i.e. included in one of the above categories. This does not apply in the case of pupils in receipt of the Government's Universal Free School Meals not in receipt of Pupil Premium.

Extra Curricular Activities run by External Providers

External providers will set and collect their own charges.

Other charges

The Head Teacher, Finance Manager, Finance Committee or Governing Body may levy charges for miscellaneous services up to the cost of providing such services e.g. photocopying.

Breakages & Damages

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books on loan to children, the Head Teacher or Finance Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Body may decide it right to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.

The Head Teacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may remit in full or part charges in respect of a pupil, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.

Exceptions

The Head Teacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may decide not to levy charges in respect of a particular activity, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.

Scale of Charges

These will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis.

Appendix 1 - Costs, signed off on an annual basis by the Governors

SERVICE	CHARGE
Nursery lunch top up fee	3.00
Nursery session AM/PM	12.50 £15
Late club – weekly charge to family	10.00
Breakfast club	4.00
After-School Club evening session	£10
After- School Club holiday session per day 9am-3pm	£15
After- School Club holiday session per day 7:30am-6pm	£25
Reference requests	£25

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