



## Parsons Heath C of E Primary School

### CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

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## CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

### AIM

At Parsons Heath School, we aim to make appropriate charges or request a voluntary contribution from parents which enables and encourages the development of a wide range of enriching activities.

### PRINCIPLES

- We make no charge for National Curriculum or Statutory Religious Education and related activities in school time.
- We may ask for a voluntary contribution for activities wholly or partly in school time which otherwise would be prohibited by cost. No child will be excluded from any such activity on the basis of non-contribution.
- We provide support towards part or all of the cost of an activity where there are financial difficulties on application.
- We may charge where it enables an increase or enriches non-statutory extra curricular provision at any time.
- We support the development of all community groups' use of school facilities through a flexible charging approach.
- We offer minimum cost of facilities for non-profit making community activities.
- We raise income for the school from appropriate groups' use of facilities.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Resources Committee

- We will review and amend the Charging and Remissions Policy on behalf of the Board of Governors annually in the Spring Term.
- We will review annually the charges for supplies and services and will monitor whether actual income is in line with anticipated income in the Summer Term, recommending charges.

#### Headteacher

- Will be responsible for drafting proposals for charges.

#### School Business Manager / Consortium Manager

- Will provide effective financial administration enabling efficient budget management by the Headteacher.
- Will manage the letting of school premises.

#### School Business Manager

- Will maintain accurate records and information of any charges or remissions made.

### ORGANISATION

#### Musical Tuition

There is an exception to the rule about not charging for activities in school hours. Charges may be made for teaching either an individual pupil, or pupils in a group of up to four, to play a musical instrument, if the teaching is not an essential part of either the National Curriculum or a public examination syllabus being followed by the pupil.

## **Voluntary Contributions**

Although we do not charge for most of our school-time activities, occasionally we invite parents to make a contribution to make school funds go further. If a particular activity cannot take place without some help from parents/ carers, this is explained to parents during the planning stage. The essential point is that no pupil will be left out of an activity because his/her parents/ carers cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind. It may be necessary to state that the activity will not take place if parents / carers are reluctant to support it. Contributions must, however, be genuinely voluntary. The terms of any request for contributions must be made clear:

1. that there is no obligation to contribute; and
2. that registered pupils at the school will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents/ carers have made any contribution in response to the request.

There is no limit on the level of voluntary contribution, which parents/ carers or others can make to school activities nor is any restriction placed upon the use, which can be made to such contributions. A request for a contribution towards the cost of a particular activity could, for example, include the cost of travel for accompanying adults. Alternatively, parents/ carers could be asked to contribute toward part of the cost at the time of the visit or activity, and the rest could be met from the proceeds of general fund raising.

Parents/ carers who have contributed voluntarily may have a refund if their child is unable to take part in the trip through illness.

Parents/ carers will be expected to pay if their child is taking part in the Year 6 residential visit. Due to the amount of money required, this cannot be considered a voluntary contribution. At the headteacher's discretion, the school may choose to offer financial support to families entitled to benefits (eg. Pupil Premium). However, this will depend on access to sufficient funds or grants. The school will offer all families an opportunity to pay for this trip in instalments.

## **Damage to School Property**

Parents/ carers and Community Groups are asked to make a contribution towards replacing damaged or lost school property caused wilfully or negligently by their children or users.

## **Letting of Premises**

The annual charges are set at the Spring Term Resources Committee meeting. The conditions of hiring and booking are laid down in the contract.

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