

# **KINGSKERSWELL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **Charging and Remissions Policy**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

- The purpose of the policy is to ensure that there is clarity over those items which the school will provide free of charge and for those items that there may be a charge.
- The policy has been informed by the LA policy and the DFE guidance.
- The school day is defined as 8.45 to 12.15 and 1.15 to 3.20

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- The Headteacher will ensure that staff are familiar with and correctly apply the policy.
- The Governors will review the policy annually.

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

During the school day all activities that are a necessary part of the National Curriculum plus religious education will be provided free of charge. This includes any materials, equipment and transport to take pupils between the school and the activity.

It excludes charges made for teaching an individual pupil or groups of up to four pupils to play a musical instrument.

However, if the teaching is an essential part of either the National Curriculum or a public examination syllabus being followed by the pupil(s), we will not make a charge.

Voluntary contributions may be sought for activities during the school day which entail additional costs (for example field trips). In these circumstances no pupil will be prevented from participating because his/her parents cannot or will not make a contribution. If there are insufficient funds available via the voluntary contribution, it may be necessary to curtail or cancel the activities.

From time to time we may invite a non-school based organisation (for example a visiting drama group, a story teller), to arrange an activity during the school day. Such organisations may wish to charge the school, who in turn may ask for a voluntary contribution from the parents. Parents may ask the Head teacher to agree to their child being absent for that period.

### **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL DAY:**

We may charge for optional, extra activities provide outside of the school day, (for example a football club, theatre visit). Such activities are not part of the National Curriculum or religious education, nor are they part of an examination syllabus. Where we wish to charge we will tell parents in advance. Where specific funding has been received to support particular activities, we will subsidise the charge to the extent permitted by the funding.

### **EDUCATION PARTLY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY:**

If a non-residential activity happens partly inside the school day and partly outside of it, there will be no charge if most of the time to be spent on the activity falls within the school day. Conversely, if the bigger proportion of time spent falls outside of the normal school day, charges will be made. When such activities are arranged, parents will be told how the charges were calculated.

### **RESIDENTIALS:**

Charges will be made for board and lodging, except for pupils whose parents are in receipt of eligible benefits. Other charges will be made to cover costs when the number of school sessions missed by the pupils totals half or more of the number of half-days taken up by the activity. In such cases parents will be told how the charges were calculated.

### **CALCULATING CHARGES:**

When charges are made for any activity, whether during or outside of the school day, they will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of pupils participating. There will be no levy on those who pay to support those who can't or won't. Support for cases of hardship will come through voluntary contributions and fundraising.

- Parents who qualify for support are those in receipt of eligible benefits.
- The principles of best value will be applied when planning activities that incur costs to the school and/or charges to parents.

**ELIGIBLE BENEFITS:**

- Income support;
- Income-based job seeker's allowance;
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit (providing that they do not also receive Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190

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