

ST GEORGE'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY 2016-17

Introduction

This document is a statement of the aims, principles and strategies for charging and remissions at St George's C of E Primary School.

Aims

Our aims in developing this policy are:

- To ensure that as many children as possible are able to access all the provision on offer.
- To ensure transparency in setting charges and making remissions.

Principles of Charging and Remissions

We believe as many children as possible should have equal opportunities to benefit fully from school activities, both on and off site, within and beyond the curriculum, regardless of their family's financial means.

We understand that Pupil Premium Pupils are legally entitled to remissions where specified in law:

Charging and Remissions

Activity	Charging	Remissions
Admission	No charge is made for admission to St George's C of E Primary School	n/a
Uniform	Parents/carers must provide pupils with the correct school uniform and P.E. kit. We have purposely chosen the constituents of our uniform to be widely and cheaply available in all major supermarkets and stockists.	The school will support Pupil Premium pupils with uniform, if the need arises.
Activities and/or education provided for pupils during school hours (including the supply of books or resources)	No charge is made for activities and/or education during school hours (9.00 – 3.30 p.m.)	n/a
Ingredients or materials used during activities and/or education during school hours (e.g. D.T. projects)	A voluntary contribution may be requested towards the cost of special ingredients or materials in cases that the pupil will take home and own the finished product.	n/a
Swimming during school hours	The school will pay for all children to have swimming lessons at some point within KS2. No charge will be made to parents/ carers but they will be expected to provide their child with a swimming costume, hat, towel etc.	n/a
Sports day	The school will pay for the hire of a sports facility (if available) for our annual sports day. No charge will be made to parents/carers.	n/a
Photographs	The school arranges for a professional photographer to visit the school twice per year, once to take individual and sibling group photos and once to take class photos. All pupils are sent proofs of the photos	n/a

	but there is no compulsion to purchase them.	
Music and/or vocal tuition during school hours	No charge will be made for music tuition that is part of the National Curriculum and which takes place during school hours. Individual music lessons will be charged at the rate charged to the school.	Pupil premium pupils can ask for free music lessons.
School meals	No charge will be made to pupils who are entitled to free school meals (FSM) and whose parents/carers maintain up-to-date paperwork regarding the claiming of FSM. A charge may be made to pupils who are entitled to free school meals (FSM) but whose parents/carers do not maintain up-to-date paperwork regarding the claiming of FSM after having been reminded to do so by the school office. Pupils who are not entitled to free school meals will be charged the full current rate for each meal taken as set annually by the Local Authority.	
After school clubs	A charge per child per club is made for attendance at all after school clubs. The amount will be stated on the letter at the beginning of each term. All the money raised is used to pay for staffing or resourcing for clubs; no profit is made.	On occasions Pupil Premium pupils may receive free enrichment activities.
Before and after school study support and/or educational interventions	No charge will be made for pupils who are requested to attend before or after school provision aimed at improving their attainment or narrowing the gap between the least able and most able pupils.	n/a
One day trips and visits	The school will aim to minimise the cost of trips and visits by ensuring use of the TfL free travel for school children website and by taking advantage of free museums, galleries and places of interest. Where it is not possible to avoid some cost to parents/carers a voluntary contribution will be sought towards the total cost of the trip/visit. If an activity cannot go ahead without sufficient voluntary contributions, this will be explained to parents/carers when the contribution is requested. If the activity has to be cancelled due to insufficient funds, all monies received will be returned.	Pupils whose parents/carers cannot or choose not to make a voluntary contribution will never be excluded from attending the trip or visit and will not be treated any differently from those whose parents do make a contribution.
Residential trips and visits	Pupils in Year 6 are invited to participate in a residential visit to Sayer's Croft Outdoor	All pupils, regardless of whether they are eligible for free school

	<p>Activity Centre in Ewhurst, Surrey. Pupils are required to pay for the trip. The amount will be stated in the letters to parents when they are informed of the dates of the trip.</p>	<p>meals or not, are informed that the school may further subsidise the cost of the residential visit if they are unable to pay. This is done by application and each case is considered individually following discussion with the child's parent/carer. The school will not let an inability to pay the full amount for the visit prevent a year 6 child participating. Pupil Premium pupils will be able to attend for free.</p>
<p>Damage to property and breakages</p>	<p>Parents/carers may be charged for loss of school equipment e.g. non return of reading books, wilful damage to school property or equipment (e.g. reading books not taken care of at home) or property/equipment belonging to a third party where the school has been charged.</p>	<p>The Headteacher will decide on charges for wilful damage on a case-by-case basis at Their discretion based on evidence determined through investigating how the damage came about, the extent of the costs incurred and the ability of the family to meet those costs.</p>
<p>Fundraising for charities</p>	<p>From time-to-time throughout the year we ask the children to come to school wearing a particular colour or outfit in support of a charity e.g., Children's Society, NSPCC, Comic Relief etc.</p>	<p>Pupils whose parents/carers cannot or choose not to make a voluntary contribution will never be treated any differently from those whose parents do make a contribution and will not be prevented from taking part in the charity events at the school.</p>
<p>Maintenance Fund</p>	<p>As a Church of England Primary School we request a voluntary contribution towards the maintenance of the school building and premises. Parents will be informed of the charge in the first newsletter of the academic year.</p>	<p>Pupils whose parents/carers cannot or choose not to make a voluntary contribution will never be treated any differently from those whose parents do make a contribution.</p>

