Charging and Remissions Policy

Rise Park Primary and Nursery School

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1 Introduction

1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.2 If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums;
- sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to or by a theatre company;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education expenses. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of board, lodging and travel expenses. Parents will be notified in advance of any 'optional extras' which the school proposed to organise and the estimated cost. Parental consent will be obtained if their children are to participate in any activities for which a charge may be made.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

5 Swimming

5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for children in Years 3. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We therefore make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part.

5.2 From time to time the school will enter a local swimming competition. Transport is usually provided by the children's own parents. We do not make a charge for this activity.

6 After School Clubs

6.1 The school offers occasional after school clubs across varied year groups. The clubs are run by members of staff, sports specialist or additional coaches. We do not make a charge for these sessions. From time to time a club (such as football) may enter local competitions, the parents are asked permission for their child to take part. Transport is usually provided by the children's own parents or staff involved in the club.

8. Breakfast Club

8.1 The school offers a daily breakfast club. Five members of the qualified mid-day supervisor staff run and organise these sessions on a weekly rota, providing breakfast and activities. The children are supervised at all times. The school does make a small charge on a daily basis for this service. Parents are asked for their written permission for children to attend the breakfast club.

9. Breakages and Damages to School Property

9.1 The School Governing Body reserves the right to seek reparation from parents where their children cause wilful damage or breakages to school property.

10 Monitoring and review

10.1 This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed in two years, or earlier if necessary.