

COLSTON'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy for Additional Activities organise for pupils (CHARGES AND REMISSIONS)

Rationale

Colston's Primary School is committed to inclusion. The school aims to provide an appropriate and high quality education for all children living in our local communities. We believe that all children have a common entitlement to a broad and balanced academic and social curriculum. This will be made readily accessible to them and they will be fully included in all aspects of school life.

We believe that inclusion is essential in ensuring the equality of opportunity for all learners whatever their age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability, attainment and background. This demonstrates our commitment to valuing the diversity of the school community. We will pay particular attention to the provision for and achievement of all in our school activities and policies.

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contributions that the wide range of additional activities including clubs, sporting activities, trips and residential experiences can make towards children's personal and social education. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities, particularly in the light of the restrictive nature of the school site.

Aims

- ✓ to conform to statutory regulations as laid down in the regulations
- ✓ to follow good practice in charging and remissions
- ✓ to set down clearly understood guidelines for staff and parents.

Means

- Music Tuition via the School. The school will arrange music tuition with external teachers from the Bristol Music Service or other third parties as determined by the Headteacher. This tuition will be advertised to pupils and parents and the individual cost calculated so that tuition groups are of an appropriate size and total contributions cover the total cost. Contributions will be sought in advance to cover a minimum of two terms' tuition (e.g September to December), and priority for re-enrolment by the preceding mid-term break given to children currently participating. It will be left to the discretion of the head teacher to decide whether or not such tuition can continue if sufficient contributions are not forthcoming.

- Music Tuition via third parties. The school may arrange to let its premises to third parties to allow them to deliver music tuition. The third parties will contract directly with parents, although administration of arrangements may be facilitated by the school office. Third parties will be expected to have appropriate safeguarding and insurance policies.

- Swimming and Games.

Contributions will be sought to cover the cost of swimming sessions, games and sports sessions and coaching organised by the school at offsite venues.

Contributions will be used to cover coaching and transport costs.

- School Trips and Visits

- The head teacher will determine the proportion of the cost of each trip which the school is able to subsidise from any school budget set aside for that purpose.
- Contributions will be sought from parents to cover the remaining cost.
- Opportunities for children to participate in visits and trips will be provided without reference to parent's willingness or ability to contribute towards the cost.
- It will be left to the discretion of the head teacher to decide whether a visit or trip should go ahead if insufficient contributions are forthcoming.
- For residential trips, the Governors reserve the right to make a charge for the board or lodging element of any residential activities deemed to take place within school hours.

- Charging in kind.

- The Governors reserve the right to charge parents the cost of ingredients or materials, such as those required for some food activities and some specialist arts and crafts (e.g. pottery), when parents have indicated in advance that they wish to own the finished product.

- Activities outside school hours.

- The Governors reserve the right to charge parents the full cost of any activities, deemed to be optional which take place outside school hours.
- The school may arrange to let its premises to third parties to allow them to deliver activities outside of school hours. The third parties will contract directly with parents, although administration of arrangements may be facilitated by the school office. Third parties will be expected to have appropriate safeguarding and insurance policies.

- Remissions/Reduction in cost

- Parents who are likely to find difficulties in paying for additional activities, particularly residential trips, will be invited to discuss possible reductions in charges and support through instalment schemes and/or hardship funds.

This policy is effective from May 2012

Monitoring and Review:

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