



## Cruddas Park Early Years Centre

### Charging and Remissions Policy

#### **Introduction**

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contributions that a wide range of additional activities can make towards children's learning and development. e.g. cooking, short walking trips to the park or shops, special visitors to the nursery, hatching eggs, butterflies, visits to the farm. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the children.

#### **Charging Policy**

Any charges made by the school must meet the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1996. The Governors endorse the guiding principle contained in the Act, in particular that no child should have his/ her access to the curriculum limited by charges.

#### **Charges**

Charges will not be made for any activities which form part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum requirements. No charge can be made for education and care during a child's 15 hour entitlement.

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances.

**Voluntary Contributions**- the Governing Body may, on occasion, ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of an activity that takes place during school hours. Parents are under no obligation to make any contribution and the children of parents who are unable or unwilling to contribute will not be discriminated against. In the event of insufficient voluntary contributions being made, some activities may have to be cancelled.

#### **General**

The Governing Body may, from time to time, amend the categories for which a charge may be made. The Governing Body reserve the right to revise the Charging and Remissions Policy as necessary.

#### **Remissions Policy**

Where the parents of a child are unable to meet any of the possible charges, they can apply in confidence to the Head Teacher for the remission of charges in part or full. The Head Teacher, in consultation with the Finance Committee, will make authorisation of remission.

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