



## **Pennoweth Primary School**

### **Charging & Remissions Policy**

**Reviewed by: Mr R Adams (Headteacher)**

**Agreed by the Full Governing Body: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

**Next Review Date: October 2019**

The Education Reform Act (1988) introduced new provisions on charging for school activities. The purposes of these provisions are:

- To maintain the right to a free education.
- To ensure that activities offered as part of the National Curriculum and wholly within normal school time should be available to all pupils, regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- To give educational authorities and schools the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
- To confirm that schools may invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of any activity organised by the school, either in or outside school hours

#### **Optional visits wholly or mainly outside school hours**

The school will charge the full cost of visits which take place mainly or wholly outside school hours, and which are not part of the teaching programme considered essential to fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum or R.E. The cost could include travel, insurance, admission, meals, a sum to cover teacher's costs, etc. If sufficient contributions are not received, the trip will be deemed unviable and will not go ahead.

If a visit is wholly or mainly outside school hours but is considered to be essential to the delivery of the National Curriculum or RE, then school will use contingencies set aside for the purpose to support children whose families are unwilling or unable to meet the cost. No child will be excluded from such visits on the basis of the family's inability or unwillingness to pay the contribution.

#### **Visits wholly or mainly during school hours**

The school will invite voluntary contributions toward the cost of visits which take place wholly or mainly during school hours and which may or may not be provided as part of the teaching programme to fulfil

requirements relating to the National Curriculum or R.E. The cost could include travel, admission and a sum to cover teachers' costs, etc.

Visits of this nature will go ahead on the basis that we will set monies aside to cover the cost for those parents who wish their child to take part, but who are unable or unwilling to pay. These monies may come from our delegated budget for educational activities or, for social activities; the money may come from private funds (which can also be used for educational activities).

In the event of the school not being able to make up any shortfall from contingencies within its delegated budget and/or its private funds, the trip will be deemed unviable and will not go ahead.

### **Board and Lodging costs on residential trips**

These will be charged, except where the trip takes place wholly or mainly within school hours, or is essential to the delivery of the National Curriculum.

### **Music Tuition**

Children who are taught by a teacher from the County Music Service will be charged full price for the lessons except where:

- a) the family is in receipt of Working Tax Credit, Job Seekers' or Disability Allowances, in which case they will be charged at a reduced rate, or
- b) the family is in receipt of Income Support, in which case the lessons are free.

Tuition from other peripatetic teachers will be charged at the full rate.

### **Charging for materials in D+T, cookery lessons etc.**

Parents may, from time to time, be invited to provide some materials from home to support these lessons. However, school will always have contingency plans in place to provide all children with the necessary materials and ingredients. No child will be disadvantaged because their family is unable or unwilling to provide materials.

### **Charging for Swimming**

We invite voluntary contributions from parents for swimming lessons. School also plans annually to provide funds from its delegated budget or private funds to support swimming lessons, which are a compulsory element of the National Curriculum. No child will be excluded from swimming because their family is unable or unwilling to pay the contribution.

### **Nursery**

Nursery provision managed by the school, will be charged to parents for additional hours out of the child's funded entitlement. This must be paid for in advance.

### **After School Care and Breakfast Club**

These optional clubs are available to as an extension of the school day. They are managed, operated and staffed by the school. After School Care is priced per session, with a discount for siblings and must be paid for in advance. Although there is no set charge for Breakfast Club, it is encouraged that breakfast is purchased for all children attending.

### **Breakages and Damage**

Where a student's behaviour results in damage to school property or equipment, parents may be asked to pay for the necessary repair or replacement. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at the school's discretion.