



Wychbold First and Nursery School Charging and Remissions Policy

Definition

This policy is rooted in the legal frame relating to charging, voluntary contributions and remissions as set out in sections 449 to 462 of the Education Act of 1996 whereby education is provided free of charge in a maintained school

Aims

The basic principle guiding this policy is that no charge shall be made for the provision of education to a registered pupil during school hours. However certain activities, which enhance and enrich the curriculum, need to be financed from sources other than the school budget. These activities are set out in the sections below. No child is ever excluded from any activity because of inability to contribute to the cost.

Objectives

Voluntary contributions towards the cost of the following, that take place in school hours, will be requested from parents:

- School trips
- Visiting speakers or entertainers who make a charge for their service
- Transport to sporting events or local festivals
- Transport to swimming lessons at the local pool

Contributions will be kept to the amount needed to cover the cost of the outing or event, the total cost being split between the numbers of children taking part. Advance notice will be given to families and opportunities to pay in instalments created.

There is an expectation that all families will make some contribution wherever possible. Any family where this causes difficulty should approach the Headteacher and a solution will be arrived at in confidence. Reduction of charges is available for residential trips for families who claim Free School Meals.

No child will be excluded from an outing or visit (in school hours) because of inability to contribute. However if insufficient contributions are received it is possible that the trip or visit will not take place.

Charges may be made for after school activities if there are expenses to be covered, eg payment to a sport's coach.

Charges will be made for trips that take place outside school hours.

Pupil Premium Funding is available to families who are eligible for Free School Meals and Looked After Children. The money can be used to pay for activities outside of the curriculum e.g. football, Brownies as well as to pay for pupils to attend trips and visits where they may not be able to attend without financial support.

Review

Last Review:

March 2016

The Headteacher and Staff will review this policy according to our Policy Review Schedule and present any suggested amendments to the Governors for their discussion at their first meeting in the following term.