

Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Charging & Remissions Policy



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Introduction

The Governing Board recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards the children's personal and social development. E.g. cooking, short walking trips to the park or shops, special visitors, hatching eggs, butterflies, visits that support topics and themes being taught in class. The Governing Board 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 principles 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 foundation stage or National Curriculum requirements. In Nursery, no charge can be made for education and care during a child's 15 hour entitlement. (Please see Nursery policy in which charges will be made for additional sessions over and above the 15 hours' free entitlement for 3 year olds).

The Governing Board reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances:

Voluntary Contributions – the Governing Board may ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of any 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. Our charges are aimed at meeting costs i.e. the school does not aim to profit from any voluntary contribution. In the event of insufficient voluntary contributions being made some activities may have to be cancelled.

Chargeable Visits - From time to time Mrs Bland's will arrange optional enrichment visits. Visits of this kind will need to be paid for should children wish to attend. E.g theatre visits, pantomime visits.

Lunch Club – the school offers Nursery lunch club sessions for children having additional sessions. These sessions are over and above the 15 hour free entitlement and therefore carry a cost. In the event of non-payment of these fees the school reserves the right to stop lunch sessions.

Loss, damage and breakages - in cases of loss, damage or breakages of school books or activity packs on loan to parents the school will make a charge to cover the cost of replacements.

Breakfast Club- a charge will be made for Breakfast Club for those children booking sessions (See FunZone terms & conditions).

General

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

Remissions' Policy

Where the parents of a child are unable to meet any one of the charges the school may make, they can apply in confidence to the headteacher for the remission of charges in part or full. The Headteacher will make authorisation of remission.

Headteacher
March 2019