



George Dixon Primary School

Charging and Remissions Policy Statement

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Chair of Board of Governors

Signature:

Print Name:

Date: 23/01/24

**Consideration
Courage**

**Co-operation
Communication**

Care

**Courtesy
Commitment**

INTRODUCTION

The Governing Body of George Dixon Primary School recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' 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.

CONTEXT

The law states that education provided during school hours must be free. This definition includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Authority or the School. No pupil may be left out of an activity because their parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind.

AIMS

- To make school activities accessible to pupils regardless of family income.
- To provide a process which allows activities to take place at a minimum cost to parents, pupils and the school and;
- Which acknowledges the cost of such activities to the school's budget.

CHARGES

The governing body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE LARGELY DURING SCHOOL HOURS

The full cost to each pupil of board and lodging.

The board and lodging element of approved residential activities deemed to take place in school hours.

Parents have the right to claim free activities if they are in receipt of the following state benefits: -

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Support under section VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1996 SFPM: Financial Regulations Finance April 2014 Page 22 of 22
- Working tax credit and an annual income that does not exceed the published Inland Revenue threshold

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS

The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras that are not a necessary part of the national curriculum.

INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

The full cost to the pupil for providing any instrumental tuition if the cost is not an essential part of the national curriculum or examination syllabus.

REMISSIONS

There will be no obligation for any parent to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of school activities and to the School Fund. Pupils will not be treated differently whether or not their parents have made a contribution. The Governing Body may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. The Head Teacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors will make authorisation for such remission.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary contributions may be requested from parents to cover the cost of activities or items such as the following: cost of materials, bus fares, entrance fees, school visitors etc. This may be determined by the Headteacher as appropriate.

- **School Journeys in School Hours**
- **Activities Outside School Hours**
 - The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours.
- **Individual Instrumental Tuition**
 - The cost to the pupil for providing any instrumental tuition not part of normal LEA peripatetic provision.
- **Charging in Kind**
 - The cost of materials, ingredients, equipment (or the provision of them by parents) for the following subjects: DT, Science, Art / Craft.

The Governing Body reserves the right to charge for ingredients and materials or require them to be provided if the parents have indicated in advance that they wish to own the finished product.

GENERAL

The Governing Body may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of additional activities, which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.