



Wrangle Primary School **CHARGING & REMISSION POLICY**

Under the 1988 Education Reform Act, the Governors are required to have and publish a policy on charging pupils or their parents for certain activities. The Act establishes the principle that there should be no requirement to charge for any form of education or related activity, which takes place in school time. The only exception is individual music tuition, which is not part of the National Curriculum. Any educational activity, which is deemed to be sufficiently important to take up school time, should be free to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability to pay.

Introduction

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, (including clubs, out of school trips, residential visits, experiences of other environments and specialist visitors to school) can make towards pupils' all round educational experience and their personal and social development.

Charging

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by Wrangle Primary School:

- Wrangle Primary School trips and residential visits: All costs
- Some activities outside Wrangle Primary School hours (this will only be done when absolutely necessary and the school will offer many free enrichment activities as part of our after school clubs: All/part costs
- Materials: A contribution towards the costs of materials purchased by the school in relation to items produced by pupils which will be taken home for personal use
- Acts of vandalism and negligence: the Governing Body reserves the right to recover part, or the whole cost, of damage to buildings or equipment which is the result of vandalism or negligence by a student. This also includes potential costs incurred by loss or damage to musical instruments on hire from the

school – more details of which can be found in the Musical Instrument Hire Agreement.

- Peripatetic Music Lessons provided by specialist music teachers taking place during the school day: All costs
- Contributions towards visits to school by specialists such as theatre companies, dramatic historical re-enactment companies and mobile zoos etc.

Please note that some third party providers use Wrangle Primary School's premises for sporting activities for which they charge a fee. In these cases Wrangle Primary School provides its facilities free of charge in order to reduce the costs to parents and encourage participation in sporting activities.

Remissions

The Governing Body may remit in full or part to those parents whose children are entitled to Free School Meals. The Governing Body may also remit charges in full or in part to parents after considering specific hardship cases. The Governing Body invites parents to apply, in the strictest confidence, for the remission of charges in part or in full. The Headteacher will authorise remission in consultation with the School Administrator / Bursar.

Insurance

Any insurance costs will be included in charges made for trips or activities.

Voluntary contributions

Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make voluntary contributions. The Governing Body should make clear that such contributions are voluntary, and that children of parents who do not contribute will not be discriminated against, and that if insufficient contributions are received the trip or activity may be cancelled.