

# Foresters Primary School

## Charging and Remissions Policy

### **Introduction**

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, practical activities, trips and residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social 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.

### **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 National Curriculum requirements. No charge can be made for education during school hours. The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

#### **Activities outside school hours**

The full cost to each pupil of any activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours. This includes residential visits, a charge will be made for the cost of board, lodging and travel costs (subject to statutory exceptions) the cost will not exceed the actual cost of provision.

#### **Individual Instrumental Tuition**

Individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument. The charge will not exceed the cost of provision. And monies will be paid directly to the peripatetic music teacher who is self employed by the parents.

#### **Charging in Kind**

The cost of materials, ingredients (or provision of them by parents) for practical subjects if the parents have indicated in advance that they wish to own the finished product.

#### **Breakages**

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books or equipment on loan to pupils the Headteacher may decide to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit.

## **Voluntary Contributions**

Parents/Carers may be invited to make a voluntary contribution for the following:

- any activity which takes place during school hours including educational visits
- mufti days/charity fund raising
- school equipment
- school fund

The terms of any request made to parents will specify that this is a voluntary contribution and in no way represents a charge.

Agreed by Governing Body: March 2021