# REEDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
# CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

Our school nurtures curiosity and creativity through an inspiring, broad and engaging curriculum, where learning is at the heart of all that we do. Children at Reedley learn to become resilient and self-assured in a safe environment where challenge is key. Team Reedley are encouraged to thrive and achieve as individuals, preparing them for their role as caring and active citizens in modern Britain. (Mission statement)

This charging and remissions policy complies with statutory requirements, has regard to the Authority's policy statements on charging and is reviewed on an annual basis.

The Governing Body may, at its discretion, reduce or waive charges in individual circumstances. When making such decisions, consideration may be given to financial hardship, exceptional family circumstances and eligibility for benefits-related support.

The governors recognise that it is difficult to finance educational visits and certain other educational events (e.g. visiting theatre groups) solely from the school's resources and on these occasions school staff will ask for voluntary contributions.
Visits and events held mainly or wholly outside school hours may incur a charge.

No child will be barred from such an event due to inability to pay.

Parents have been supportive in the past, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are received to make an activity financially viable, the school reserves the right to cancel the activity.

The school may request a contribution towards the replacement cost of reading books that are lost or damaged beyond reasonable wear and tear.

The school reserves the right to seek reimbursement for the cost of repairing or replacing school property damaged as a result of deliberate or reckless pupil behaviour.
A charge may be made for materials used in e.g. technology, where the pupil wishes to own the finished product.

## Activities without charge

There will be no charge for the following activities:

- education provided wholly or mostly during school hours. This includes the supply of any materials, books, instruments, other equipment and also transport provided in school hours to carry pupils between the school and an activity;
- education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum,
- or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination which the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education;
- instrumental and vocal tuition for looked after children and previously looked after children, where this is required under current regulations.

## Voluntary Contributions

The school may ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of school-time activities to assist with funding subject to the following conditions:

- any children of parents who do not wish to contribute will not be treated any differently;
- where there are insufficient contributions to make the activity viable then the activity will be cancelled.

## Chargeable Activities

The school will recover the full costs of the following activities but charges will not exceed actual cost:

- educational or other activities provided wholly or mainly outside school hours which are not part of the National Curriculum;
- part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination which the pupil is being prepared for at school;
- cost of entering a pupil for a public examination not prescribed in regulations, and for the cost of preparing a pupil for that examination outside school hours.
- cost of entering a pupil for a prescribed public examination including re-sits where no preparation has been provided by the school.
- provision of instrumental and vocal tuition, which takes place during the school day and which has been requested by parents/carers.

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