



Rossllyn Park Primary & Nursery School

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Charging Policy

The School Governing Body of Rosslyn Park Primary and Nursery School support the principal of maintaining the right to free school education. In determining the charging and remissions policies, which are set out in this document, the governors have been mindful of the 1988 Education act that gives the school Governors discretion to make charges, under certain circumstances, for the benefit of the school or in support of any activity organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours in the form of requests from the school for voluntary contributions from parents/carers.

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities, including school visits, residential experiences, visitors, authors and after- school clubs can make towards all aspects of pupil's education. The Governing Body would accordingly wish to promote and provide as far as possible such activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the benefit of all pupils of the school.

Charges

The Governing Body wants as many children as possible to participate in the wide ranging menu of activities offered by Rosslyn Park Primary and Nursery School. To this end, in recent years, the Governing Body has agreed to heavily subsidise a range of activities. However, the Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the form of a contribution towards activities arranged by the school.

Residential Activities held during school hours:

The Governing Body agreed in March 2017 to continue to heavily subsidise residential visits for Years 2, 4 and 6 in the academic year 2017/18, leaving parents/carers with a small contribution to make. Parents/carers are notified well in advance of the activities and the estimated cost. Parental consent will be obtained for their children's participation in any such activities for which a charge may be made. Any charge for a residential visit will be calculated according to the actual cost of providing the board and lodging and travel for each pupil; no other costs will be covered by the charge.

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School visits and other activities to support the curriculum:

The Governing Body agreed in March 2016 to continue to subsidise two visits/activities per year group per year for the academic year 2017/18. Parental consent will be obtained if their children are to participate in any activities for which a charge may be made.

Visiting Theatre Companies, Authors, Poets and Musical Groups:

The Governing Body has also agreed in March 2017 to continue to subsidise, or fund out right these activities for the academic year 2017/18.

After School Clubs:

There is no cost to attend after school clubs run by school staff. There may be a contribution required towards materials i.e. ingredients for cookery club.

Musical Tuition:

There is no charge for Musical Tuition.

Breakfast Club:

There is a charge of £1.50 per day for Breakfast Club places starting at 8am and £2.50 for places starting at 7.30am.

Any charge for a particular activity will be dependent upon the type of activity, its cost and the number of participants. This charge will not exceed the cost of providing the activity, divided equally by the number of pupils willing to participate. The charge may, however, include;

- The pupil's travel costs
- The pupil's board and lodgings
- Materials, books, instruments and other equipment
- Non-teaching staff costs
- Entrance fees to museums, castles, theatres, etc
- Insurance costs
- The expenses only of participating practitioners engaged on a separate contract for services provided

Remissions

Remission arrangements for a particular activity or pupil will be entirely at the discretion of the School Governing Body.

Voluntary Contributions

Nothing in this statement precludes the Governing body from inviting parents/carers to make voluntary contributions in support of any school activity, whether during or outside school hours. Any contributions sought will be entirely voluntary and pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents/carers make a contribution in response to any invitation.

Any subsidy provided by the Governing Body will be met by the funds at its disposal.

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Breakages and Damage to School Property

The Governing Body reserves the right to seek reparation from parents/carers, where their child causes breakages or damage to school property.

Review

The Governing Body reserves the right to review and amend this policy statement as appropriate.

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