



Temple Herdewyke Primary School

Charges and Remissions Policy

Introduction

The governing body of Temple Herdewyke Primary School applies the regulations fairly and equally to all who attend this school.

This policy has been compiled in line with DFE requirements and in accordance with s457 of the Education Act, 1996. This policy and procedure is subject to The Equality Act 2010 which recognises the following categories of individual as Protected Characteristics: Age, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion and Belief, Sex (gender), Sexual Orientation and Disability.

Basic Principles

No charge can be made for education during school hours. The definition of 'education' includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Education Authority or the school to carry pupils between the school and the activity. 'School hours' are those when the school is actually in session, and do not include the break in the middle of the day.

School trips, visits and practical activities enhance the pupils' learning and broaden their knowledge and experience. These are undertaken with the voluntary contributions of parents. No pupil will be excluded from an activity because his or her parents cannot or will not make a voluntary contribution. The opportunity to pay in instalments will be offered to parents who wish to pay in this way.

Voluntary Contributions

There is an exception to the rule about not charging for activities in school hours. Parents may be invited to make voluntary contributions to extend the value of school funds.

If a particular activity cannot take place without some help from parents, this will be explained at the planning stage. If a planned activity has to be cancelled, any monies will be returned. Contributions will not exceed the actual cost.

Examples where parents may be asked for a voluntary contribution include:

- Swimming
- School trips
- Enrichment activities e.g. external drama group

Nursery

The school will charge parents for this service, and the scale of charges will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis. A list of the nursery charges can be obtained from the school office, if required.

Lettings

The school will make its facilities available to outside users at a charge of at least the cost of providing the facilities. The scale of charges will be approved annually by the Finance Committee.

Remissions Policy

If the parent/carer of a pupil is in receipt of Free School Meals, the Head Teacher or Governing Body may choose to levy charges in respect of a particular activity, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances i.e. included in one of the above categories. This does not apply in the case of pupils in receipt of the Government's Universal Free School Meals not in receipt of Pupil Premium.

Extra-Curricular Activities run by External Providers

External providers will set and collect their own charges.

Other Charges

The Head Teacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may levy charges for miscellaneous services up to the cost of providing such services e.g. photocopying.

Breakages and Damages

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books on loan to children, the Head Teacher in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Body may decide it right to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.

The Head Teacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may remit in full or part, charges in respect of a pupil, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.

Exceptions

The Head Teacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may decide not to levy charges in respect of a particular activity, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.

Scale of Charges

These will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually in the light of any changed circumstances in our school or the local area.

Signed:

Date: