

WYCHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charging and Remissions Policy Statement

RATIONALE

The drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' education. The drb Ignite MAT aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of Wychall Primary School and as additional optional activities.

CONTEXT

The law states that education provided during school hours must be free. This definition includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the School. No pupil may be left out of an activity because their parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind.

AIMS

- To make school activities accessible to pupils regardless of family income
- To provide a process which allows activities to take place at a minimum cost to parents, pupils and the school
- To acknowledge the cost of such activities to the school's budget

CHARGES

The School reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

- Residential Activities Taking Place Largely During School Hours** ~ the full cost to each pupil of board and lodging. Parents have the right to claim free activities if they are in receipt of the certain state benefits, which can be checked out at the time.
- Activities outside School Hours** ~ the full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras that are not a necessary part of the national curriculum.
- Individual Instrumental Tuition** ~ the full cost to the pupil for providing any instrumental tuition if the cost is not an essential part of the national curriculum or examination syllabus.
- Damage to School Property** ~ caused by acts of vandalism and negligence. Trust schools reserve 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 pupil.

REMISSIONS

There will be no obligation for any parent to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of school activities and to the School Fund. Pupils will not be treated differently whether or not their parents have made a contribution.

The School may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. The Headteacher in consultation with the drb Ignite MAT will make authorisation for such remission.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary contributions may be requested from parents to cover the cost of the following activities:

- School trips or visitors
- Music tuition
- After school clubs
- Travel costs

GENERAL

The drb Ignite MAT may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the School from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of additional activities, which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.

Signed by the Governing Body:

