



CHARGING AND REMISSIONS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Riverside School is an inclusive school offering equality of opportunity to all pupils.

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

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 Riverside will:
- not charge for the education of the national frameworks.
 - inform parents on the financial support available when necessary/ on request
 - ensure charges or contributions cover the cost incurred and not make a profit

CONTENT AND PROGRESSION

Educational visits

2.1 When organising school trips, activities or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of pupils, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. These contributions are to enable an activity to take place especially due to the current financial climate in schools.

2.2 In the event of insufficient voluntary contributions being made, the activity may have to be cancelled and refunds will be given.

2.3 Parents are under no obligation to make any contribution and pupils of parents who are unable or unwilling to contribute will not be discriminated against and will be included if the activity goes ahead.

Charges

- 3.1 There is a charge for:
- Breakfast Club
 - Play Centre
 - Enhancement activities
 - Residential visits

Support for parents

5.1 Parents are advised of support available when paying for school activities that incur a charge. Parents, who are in receipt of specific benefits, are advised to show proof in order to access Pupil Premium funding for their children. Parents are also advised of how to access support when paying for Extended School provision.

Remissions

6.1 The school may wish to reduce or remit charges to particular groups of pupils and may decide not to request voluntary contributions.

6.2 The school will make every effort to support a pupil's participation in an activity where parents are undergoing financial difficulties. Individual cases will be discussed in complete confidence with a member of SLT.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Breakages

4.1 In case of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books or equipment on loan to pupils, the SLT, in consultation with the Headteacher, may decide to make a charge.

4.2 Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.