



## 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 and the need for additional resources as required. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities and resources 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
- not charge for laptops, laptop bags and bookbags (unless wilfully damaged or lost)
- 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.

#### Laptops

3.1 The school will provide a laptop and bag for each pupil on entry to school, free of charge, for the purpose of curriculum enhancement whilst the pupil attends Riverside School.

3.2 Parents have the responsibility to ensure there is no wilful damage or loss of the laptop whilst off the school premises.

#### Charges

4.1 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**

7.1 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 Headteachers, may decide to make a charge.

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