



**SS. Osmund & Andrew's RCP School**

## **Charging and Remissions Policy**

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## **Mission Statement**

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## **Purpose**

The Governing Body of SS Osmund and Andrew's recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, trips, visits and residential experiences can make towards pupils academic, personal and social education.

The Governing Body aims to promote and encourage the school to provide such activities both as a part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

The education we provide during school hours will be free but, on some occasions, a 'voluntary' contribution towards the cost of an activity may be requested by the school. Parents are free to decide whether or not to contribute. This policy sets out the principles upon which the school will operate these contributions.

## **Objectives**

1. To make clear what will be provided without charge and what will be offered with a charge being made.
2. To clarify what is meant by any request for voluntary contributions.

## **Strategies**

1. No charge will be made for admitting pupils to school.
2. The school may request voluntary contributions towards the cost of some activities planned during school hours.
3. Where parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of an activity which takes place during school hours, or to school equipment or school funds, the contribution will be genuinely voluntary. Pupils of parents who are unable or unwilling to contribute will not be discriminated against.
4. When there are insufficient voluntary contributions to make an activity possible, and when there is no way to make up the shortfall, it will be cancelled.
5. On residential trips that take place wholly, or mainly, during school hours, the school will charge for the cost of board and lodging at the actual cost of the provision. Travel costs will also need to be charged to families.
6. Where music tuition or singing tuition is not an essential part of the national curriculum, charges will be made.

## **Outcomes**

The funding of activities will be a clear and open process understood by all. We intend that our charging policy will be in line with that of the LA and that it will meet the requirements of the law.

## **Remissions**

In circumstances of family hardship, the Governors may wish the school to remit the cost to certain parents. Parents in these circumstances should apply in confidence to the Headteacher.

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