

OLDBURY ON SEVERN CHURCH OF ENGLAND VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING AND REMISSION POLICY

RATIONALE

To enhance the broad and balanced education offered to the children at our School various additional activities, trips, visits and residential experiences are arranged. The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that this wide range of additional activities make towards the children's educational, personal and social development.

Government legislation states that schools may not charge for any activity that takes place during the school day but may ask for voluntary contributions to cover the costs involved.

Guidelines for charging and remission for school visits

Y5/Y6 Annual Visit to London

- The cost of travel will be met by school funds.
- Voluntary contributions will be asked for the board and lodging element of any residential activity that occurs during school hours.

School Visits

- A Voluntary contribution will be asked to cover costs of transport, entrance fees, costs for accompanying adults and S Glos Council insurance, with a subsidy from the Friends of Oldbury School.
- If insufficient money is raised the visit may have to be cancelled.
- The school will offer a flexible payment scheme to allow parents to pay by installments to spread the cost of the visit, if the parents wish to do so.

Leisure Centre weekly KS1 visit

- Transport costs will be met from School Budget.
- Voluntary contributions will be asked for swimming/dry sports.

School Activities

- The Friends of Oldbury School will be asked for donations to fund cooking activity ingredients.
- Voluntary contributions will be welcomed for the cost of materials for woodwork, sewing, pottery and crafts.
- Educational entertainers will usually be funded from the school budget, school fund or the Friends of Oldbury School but on occasions contributions may be requested.
- The Friends of Oldbury School will contribute £30 per class per term to fund craft activities.

Music Activities

- Music tuition offered by our staff such as hand chimes will be funded by school.
- Peripatetic music teachers will be paid on an hourly basis funded by parental contribution.

After School Hour Activities

- Charges may be made for activities that fall wholly or mainly out of school hours.

Letters to Parents

- Whenever an activity or visit is planned a letter giving details will be sent to the parents/carers concerned requesting permission for children to be off the school site and/or voluntary contributions where appropriate.

Remissions

- When the parents of a pupil are in receipt of benefits, the Governing Body will remit the full cost or half the cost of board and lodgings for any residential activity that it organises for the pupil if the activity is deemed to take place within school hours.
- In cases of family hardship, the Governing Body may authorise remission if approached in confidence.

This policy will be reviewed regularly.

Debbie Dix
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