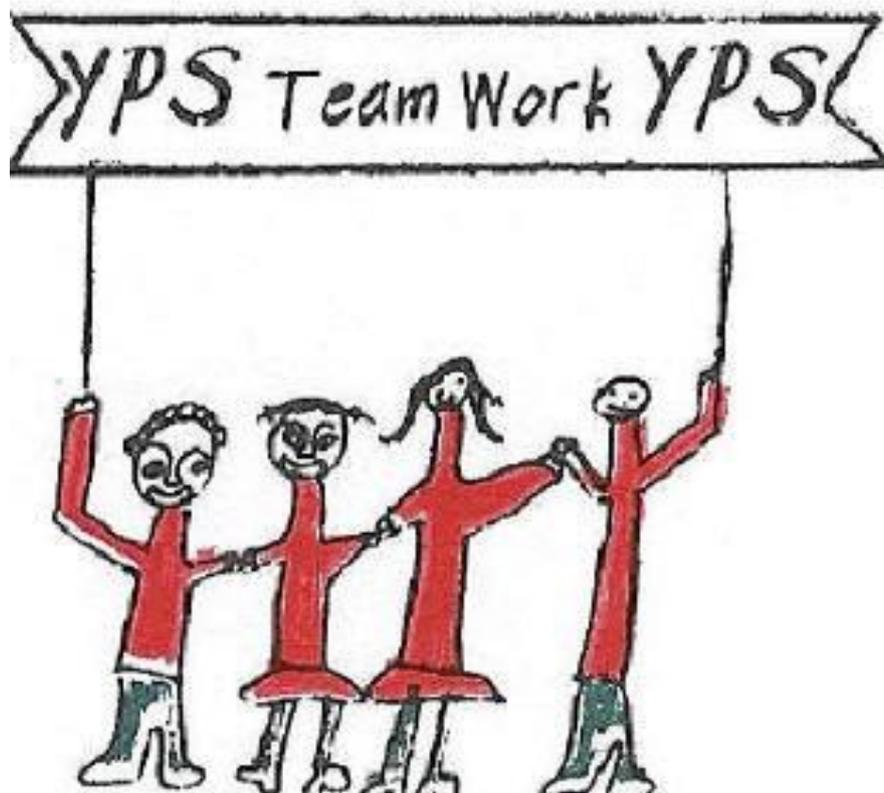


YARDLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

October 2019

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RATIONALE

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

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.

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 Local Authority or 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 and which acknowledges the cost of such activities to the school's budget.

CHARGES

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

- Yardley Primary School is unable to refund any money if a pupil is subsequently absent, for any reason, on the day of the planned school visit.

Residential Activities

- The full cost to each pupil of board and lodging.

Any additional charges are included in the overall cost and this is subsidised by Pupil Premium (and fundraising activities within school when necessary).

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

- Pupils who attend extra curricular instrumental tuition will be charged a fee. This fee is used to subsidise the cost of instruments and other resources needed.

REMISSIONS

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

The Governing Body 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, to discuss the remission of charges in full or in part and/or a payment plan. The Head Teacher, in consultation with the Chair of Governors, will make the authorisation for any such remission.

PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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

- Entrance Fees
- Travel Costs outside of school hours

GENERAL

The Governing Body may, from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a parental contribution towards the cost of additional activities, which take place in school time.

Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity (or visit) may depend upon parental contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary parental contributions.