

Stroud Green Primary School



Believe and achieve

Stroud Green Primary School, part of a richly diverse community, is a place where all children flourish in a safe, happy and stimulating environment.

Charging and Remissions Policy

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Date of next review: Review Spring 2017

Charging Policy

Introduction

This charging policy has been compiled in line with DFe requirements and in accordance with s457 of the Education Act, 1996.

School Trips

Day Trips. No charge will be levied in respect of day trips that take place during school hours or are part of the curriculum.

Residential trips – Non-essential (Pendarren). For residential trips which are not **essential** to the National Curriculum, or statutory RE. The amount will be levied as invoiced by the London Borough of Haringey, with a two tier price based on waged or unwaged parents or carers. In case of hardships, please see relevant section of the remissions policy.

Materials & Textbooks

Where a pupil or parent wishes to retain items produced as a result of art, craft and design, or design and technology, a charge may be levied for the cost of the materials used. In the case of cooking the school usually pays for the ingredients. In the case of special project meals, the school may use the class voluntary fund to pay for the ingredients needed.

School lunches

Stroud Green Primary School provides school lunches for those children whose parents and carers wish them to have a hot meal. The current cost is £2 per child, which price I subject to review to reflect the cost price and varying subsidy grants. All parents are expected to make prompt payments for these with the exception of parents and carers who are registered for free school meals.

Music Tuition

The school levies charges in respect of individual music tuition, and group music tuition up to and including 4 persons, if the teaching is not an essential part of either the National Curriculum or a public examination syllabus being followed by the pupil. A discount is available to pupils whose families are entitled to free school meals. The actual charge is set by the Music Service. The whole class instrument session for classes in year four is available to all pupils free of charge and is supported by charitable funding.

Activities Outside School Hours

For all other activities outside school hours, a charge reflecting the cost of the activity will be levied.

Provision from outside agencies, e.g. karate are charged by the person running the club and are paid directly to that person

Provision through breakfast Club, Treetops and the Hideaway is consistent with their charging policy.

Damage/Loss to Property

A charge will be levied in respect of wilful damage, neglect or loss of school property (including premises, furniture, equipment, books or materials), the charge to be the cost of replacement or repair, or such lower cost as the Headteacher may decide.

Voluntary Contributions

Where the school cannot levy charges, and it is not possible to make these additional activities within the resources ordinarily available to the school, the school may request or invite parents to make a contribution towards the cost of the trip. Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request or invitation. However, where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, then it will be cancelled.

Lettings

The school will make its facilities available to outside users at a charge of at least the cost of providing the facilities. The scale of charges will be determined annually by the Finance Committee.

Other charges

The Headteacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may levy charges for miscellaneous services up to the cost of providing such services e.g. for providing a copy of an OFSTED report.

Remissions Policy.

.The Headteacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may remit in full or part charges in respect of a pupil, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.

The Headteacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may decide not to levy charges in respect of a particular activity, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.