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### **Charging and Remissions for School Activities Policy**

#### **Rationale:**

To enhance the education offered to children through the arrangement of various activities and visits. Government legislation through the Education Reform Act 1988 states that the objectives of the charging provision are:

- to maintain the right to free school education.
- to establish that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal teaching time should be available to all children regardless of their parents'/carers ability or willingness to help meet the costs.
- to emphasise that there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education or related activity, but to give L.A.s and schools the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
- to confirm the right of L.A.s and schools to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school, or in support of any activity organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

#### **Guidelines:**

Governors have approved the policy that:

1. **For School Visits** which are a valuable first-hand experience linked to the Early Years Foundation and National Curriculum
  - a) This school will ask for voluntary contributions from parents/carers to cover the cost of each visit to include transport by coach, entrance fees if applicable and the costs for accompanying adults.
  - b) No child will be treated differently according to whether parents/carers have made a contribution.
  - c) No profit will be made by the school through the cost of school trips.
  - d) School visits will be arranged on the understanding that if insufficient voluntary contributions are given the visit may not take place. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher and/or the Governing Body.
  - e) A family that has difficulty in financing a school visit, should speak in confidence, to the Head teacher.
  - f) Parents of children eligible for Free School Meals (not UIFSM) will be able to request support with the cost of school trips or visits that form part of the curriculum.
  - g) Pupil Premium Funding may be used to support disadvantaged pupils.
2. **Letters to Parents/Carers**  
Whenever an activity or a visit is planned an electronic letter giving details will be sent to the parents/carers of the children concerned including a statement asking for permission for your child to go.

The letter will also state that should there be insufficient contributions the activity/visit may not take place. This will be sent electronically through the school system, asking for permissions and payments.

3. **Damage or Loss**

The Governing Body and the Headteacher may ask parents/carers to pay for damage or loss to school property or equipment which may be incurred if children have not responded to school guidelines.

#### **Pupil Premium Funding**



The school receives money to support children who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals (not Universal Free school meals) or who have received them within the last six years. We also receive money for any child who is adopted, who comes from a service family or who is/has been in local authority care. (must be applied for).

There are many ways that the school can use this pupil premium funding to support learners, but this is always allocated on a case by case basis based on the child's needs and circumstances. On the school website [www.christchurchinfants.co.uk](http://www.christchurchinfants.co.uk) the pupil premium spending reports can be found which illustrate how the funding has been spent each year.

This changes each year but examples of support that the school have offered in recent years includes;

- Extra support in class or time with teaching assistants
- Pre-teaching or catch-up sessions with the class teacher or teaching assistant
- Before or after school club space paid for
- Subsidised school day trips and residential trips (see below)
- Uniform package
- Enhanced equipment for their classroom or intervention group

The Governing Body at Christ Church Infants school rely heavily on the extensive research and advice from the Education Endowment Fund for guidance as to what best impacts on pupil outcomes and wellbeing. Therefore, support is not offered in an equal way but in an equitable way meaning that a child's need and barriers to learning are assessed and then provided for as the school deems appropriate. Consequently, with the exception of school trips, there is no 'right' to receive any offered element. Children who are currently in receipt of free school meals will always be prioritised for additional opportunities and funding support.

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