



ELMGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY Charging and Remission Policy for School Activities

UNICEF RIGHTS OF THE CHILD REFERENCES CRC

Article 2: The Convention applies to all children, whatever their race, religion or abilities; whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from.

CRC Article 3: The best interests of children must be the primary concern in making decisions that may affect them.



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The governors wish to ensure that all children have access to all areas of the life of the school, regardless of the parents'/carers' ability to pay.

ACTIVITIES

In the event of activities organised by the school **during school hours**, parents will be expected to pay for the following: individual or group music tuition; the board and lodging element of all residential visits; activities arranged by a third party such as a travel agent or tour company.

Charges will be made for optional courses or activities, which fall **wholly or mainly outside school hours** (this does not include any activity that is required by the National Curriculum or to fulfil statutory duties relating to Religious Education). Charges made for such activities may include an element for:

- pupils' travel costs
- pupils' board and lodging costs
- materials, books, instruments or other equipment
- additional staffing costs incurred
- entrance fees to museums, theatres etc
- insurance costs

EXEMPTION

There is an exception to the rule about not charging for activities in school hours. Charges will be made for teaching either an individual pupil or pupils in groups to play a musical



instrument if the teaching is not part of either the National Curriculum or a public examination syllabus being followed by the pupil.

Outside Providers

Outside providers such as after school clubs will set charges for activities and booking forms are sent home. These charges are not voluntary. The school may pay this sum or part of this for some families, which will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

After School Clubs

A variety of clubs run after school. Where clubs are run by school staff there will be a charge of £3 per week the club is run to cover resources costs. Payment for these clubs must be paid for before the club commences. **LATE COLLECTIONS**

A charge will be made for supervising any child who is not collected after 15 minutes of the usual collection time (3.10 pm); this will be £5 per 15 minutes, charging starts from 3.25 pm. Any charges will need to be paid on the day they are incurred.

LUNCH

Hot lunch served in school is charges at £2.20 per day payable through Parentpay. school Lunches are free from Reception to Year 2 under the Universal Free School Meals Scheme. Children in Year 3-6 school who are deemed as eligible for Free School Meals will receive a lunch free of charge. However, from September 2023 the Mayor of London will be funding meals for all primary school pupils for 1 year and so this will be reflected in this policy. The school currently practices a no debt policy and expects all lunches to be paid for in advance.

BREAKAGES, MALICIOUS DAMAGE OR LOSS

In case of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books on loan to children, the headteacher may decide to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion. In case of financial difficulties, parents should contact the headteacher.

Any musical instruments that are hired via the school that are damaged or lost must be replaced by the pupil at the parent's own cost.

ADMINISTRATION COSTS

The school reserves the right to charge an admin fee, no greater than £15 for the drafting of official letters/documents. The decision to write/complete an official letter/document is at the discretion of the Head.

Subject access file requests will be charged on individual cases, where the files are excessive, a payment towards the admin time, paper and printing costs will be levied.



REQUESTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions may be requested for activities during the school day which entail additional costs, e.g. entrance to museums, the cost of a coach or other transport. The cost of this requested contribution will be published at the time. To help with affordability, we will communicate possible costs well in advance and facilitate payment by small, regular instalments where possible. In these circumstances no pupil will be prevented from participating because his or her parents cannot or will not make a contribution. (If insufficient funds are collected then the visit or the workshop will not be able to take place.)

REMISSIONS

Pupils whose parents/carers receive benefits* (or are otherwise in serious hardship) may be entitled to remission of charges. Remissions may be made *in part* or *in full*. The headteacher and governors will consider sympathetically cases of genuine need seeking help with these charges and will endeavour to remit those they feel are necessary from the school's budget or an alternative source. Any discussions with parents, or decisions made, will be confidential.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the review schedule.

* Relevant benefits:-

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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