

## **South Petherton Junior School Policy for charging and remissions**

### **Rationale**

The 1996 Education Act requires all schools to have a policy on charging and remissions for school activities and school visits. The policy must be made available to parents and must be kept under regular review. The aim of this policy is to set out what charges may be made for activities, what remissions will be implemented and the circumstances under which voluntary contributions will be requested from parents.

### **RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL VISITS**

We may charge for the cost of board and lodgings during overnight school trips, but the charge will not be more than the accommodation actually costs. Parents who are in receipt of certain benefits will be heavily subsidised from the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG). Parents should contact the school for further information.

### **MUSIC TUITION**

Charges may be made when the tuition is not an essential part of

- the National Curriculum
- a public examination syllabus
- first access to the Key Stage 2 instrumental and vocal tuition, Wider Opportunities programme

### **EXAMINATIONS**

No charge will be made for entering pupils for public examinations that are on the National Curriculum. However, an examination entry fee may be charged to parents if

- the pupil wasn't prepared for the examination at the school
- the examination isn't on the National Curriculum, but the school arranges for the pupil to take it
- a pupil fails without good reason to complete the requirements of any public examination where the governing body or local authority (LA) originally paid or agreed to pay the entry fee

We may charge for

- re-sits for public examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school
- costs of non-prescribed examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school

### **BREAKAGES AND REPLACEMENTS**

We may charge for breakages and replacements as a result of damages caused wilfully or negligently by pupils.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL CLUBS**

We may charge for extra-curricular activities and school clubs.

### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

We may ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of

- any activity which takes place during school hours
- school equipment

The contribution is voluntary and pupils of parents who can't, or don't want to, contribute will not be excluded from the activity. Where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, and there are no other ways to get funds, we may cancel the activity.

### **Review of policy**

The policy will be reviewed by the Finance and Resources Committee.

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