



# ***Kennington Primary School***

## ***Policy for Charging and Remissions***

<b><i>Reviewed by</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Signed</i></b>

## **Statement of Charging and Remissions Policy**

Under the charging provisions of the Education Reform Act, this Governing Body may choose to charge for certain defined activities. It is permissible to charge for:-

- ❖ Board and Lodging on residential visits
- ❖ Costs associated with individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument whether in or out of school hours (**unless** it is provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or is required by the National Curriculum)
- ❖ Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours, but which are not provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination and are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education.
- ❖ The cost of entering a pupil for a public examination not prescribed in regulations, and for preparing the pupil for such an examination outside school hours.
- ❖ Re-sits of prescribed public examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school.

Outlined below is our statement of policy.

### **It is our policy NOT to charge for:-**

- ❖ Board and Lodgings on residential visits - no charges will be made, where a pupil is eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant, takes part in a residential visit in school hours or outside school hours where the activity forms part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or is provided specifically to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education. Voluntary contributions will be accepted.
- ❖ Public examinations - No charge will be made where a pupil with parental agreement is entered by the school for a public examination other than one on the list prescribed by the secretary of State. Nor will charges be made for any costs associated with preparing the pupil for examination if the preparation takes place outside school hours.
- ❖ School milk – all Reception children and those eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant 'Ever 6' in KS1 will receive free milk until the end of the term after they are 5 years old. The National milk subsidy and Pupil Premium will support the cost of this.

### **It IS our policy to charge for:-**

Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours - under the new provisions a charge may be made for any activity which is deemed to take place outside

school hours which is not provided specifically as part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination or to fulfil statutory duties in respect of the National Curriculum or religious education. Activities for which charges could be made therefore include school associations and clubs, teams and a wide range of visits and trips some of which are organised on a residential basis.

It is the Governors' policy that charging for these activities where permissible should be left to the discretion of the headteacher and Governing Body but that as a general principle, as at present, charges should not normally be levied in respect of school based activities such as clubs and teams.

Voluntary Contributions - The school may invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of any activity organised by the school. The terms of any request to parents to make voluntary contributions must make it clear however that:-

- ❖ There is no obligation to contribute, and
- ❖ Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether their parents have made a contribution in response to the request.
- ❖ School milk – for children in KS1 who choose to have a daily cup of milk, there will be a charge of £6.00 per term. This will be reviewed annually.

### **Charges for Materials**

Schools must provide or pay for any ingredients, materials, equipment etc which are needed for practical subjects such as home economics and craft design and technology. It is the Governing Body's policy that no charges should be made in any circumstances even where parents indicate a wish to own the finished product. However, parents or pupils may contribute to these on a voluntary basis.