



## **Paganel Primary School**

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

#### **RATIONALE**

The Governing Body of Paganel Primary School recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' education.

The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

#### **CONTEXT**

The law states that education provided during school hours must be free. This definition includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Authority or the School. No pupil may be left out of an activity because their parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind.

#### **AIMS**

- To make school activities accessible to pupils regardless of family income.
- To provide a process which allows activities to take place at a minimum cost to parents, pupils and the school and;
- Which acknowledges the cost of such activities to the school's budget, specifically using Pupil Premium and/or Sports Premium funding.

#### **CHARGES**

The governing body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

- Residential activities taking place largely during school hours (eg. Kingswood Outdoor Activity Centre, Staffordshire - 5 day residential)

#### **Activities outside School Hours**

After school activities/clubs are generally provided free of charge eg. football, netball, choir etc.. However, the school reserves the right to make a charge to each pupil of certain approved activities when optional extras that are not a necessary part of the national curriculum are deemed to be involved.

#### **Swimming & Instrumental Tuition**

There is no charge made for any child in relation to attending swimming lessons, including transport to/from the swimming pool or receiving specialist music tuition.

#### **REMISSIONS**

There will be no obligation for any parent to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of school activities and to the School Fund. Pupils will not be treated differently whether or not their parents have made a contribution.

The Governing Body may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. The Headteacher in consultation with the Chairman of Governors will make authorisation for such remission.

### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Voluntary contributions may be requested from parents to cover/part cover the cost of the following activities:

cost of special, additional/extra materials; bus fares/other transport costs; entrance fees; school visitors etc...

### **GENERAL**

The Governing Body may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of additional activities, which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.