Holymead Primary School
Charging and Remissions Policy

Rationale

This policy set out the Governor Body guidelines for charging for children's additional activities outside school hours. The Governors realise that it is important to offer extra-curricular activities, but may be unable to cover all the cost through the school budget. By law a school may not charge for core curriculum activities during school hours with some exceptions eg where cookery ingredients are used in school and consumed at home.

Purposes

- To have a clear and transparent policy on charging and remissions
- To ensure children have an enriched curriculum
- To ensure equal opportunities
- To ensure the school is able to offer curricular and extra-curricular activities
- To make sure costs are recovered wherever possible.

Guidelines

The school is committed to ensuring an entitlement to equal opportunities for all as far as possible; therefore, pupils may not be excluded on the grounds of not being able to pay for curriculum activities during normal school time.

From time to time an extra curricular event or trip may be planned during the school day that cannot be funded by the school. When this is the case, parents/carers will be asked to make a voluntary contribution to meet the cost of the activity.

The policy of the governors of this school is that an activity or trip will usually only take place when most of the parents/carers involved are willing to make a contribution.

Parents may be asked to make a contribution towards such as entertainers, cookery ingredients where food is to be taken home, curriculum enhancement weeks, trips and other extra curricular activities as they arise. Help with paying for extra-curricular activities where parents are in financial difficulties may be arranged at the discretion of the Head teacher, dependent on the budgetary implications to the school.

Optional residential camps are outside of normal curriculum activities and therefore are a parental choice. Pupils not attending camp need to attend

school as normal. There is a proportionate amount of money available for parent/carers claiming Pupil Premium funding to be able to use towards camp (£80) and other non-curricular activities (£70) for the current academic year.

Parents/Carers in debt to the school

If parents owe the school money; for example, (but not limited to) dinner money, music lessons, breakfast club or after school club accounts that are in arrears, then their child will not be able to attend non-curriculum trips including camps until the arrears are cleared. School will continue to pursue persistent debt via the Legal Team at Bristol City Council.

Persistent debt via the IPal system will result in accounts being temporarily suspended, until such time as the arrears have been cleared in full.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

Review every two years, monitor and evaluate.

Date 26/1/23
Date of next review: 26/1/25

This forms part of our financial policies

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Rights Respecting Schools Article 28:

All children and young people have a right to a primary education, which should be free. Wealthy countries should help poorer countries achieve this. Discipline in schools should respect children's human dignity. Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of.

Rights Respecting Schools Article 31:

All children have a right to relax and play, and to join in a wide range of activities.