

WINGATE COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL

CHARGING AND REMISSION POLICY

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Introduction

All children are entitled to 15 hours free education in school and as such there is no charge for accessing EYFS provision. Any charges made by the School must meet the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1996. The Governors endorse the guiding principles contained in the Act, in particular that no child should have his/her access to the curriculum limited by charges.

The Governing Body recognises the huge effort staff and parents give to fundraising each term which enables us to offer a wide range of educational visits 'free' of charge to parents eg trip to the theatre at Christmas.

Voluntary Contributions

The school may seek voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of any particular school activity, e.g. snack. This money is collected weekly by the school secretary and contributes towards the cost of;

- snack
- baking ingredients
- birthday candles
- pet food
- flowers
- woodwork materials

Such contributions must, however, be genuinely voluntary. Parents are under no obligation to contribute and will not be discriminated against in the event of insufficient contributions. Naturally, children will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request.

Procedures

Parents are invited to contribute on a weekly basis – this can be paid weekly, half-termly or termly.

If the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contribution, the Governing Body or Headteacher will make this clear to parents at the outset. The messages about the voluntary contributions are given both in written form eg in the Nursery Booklet 'Learning for Living' and in parent 'get togethers' throughout the year.

On the whole, the cost of school outings and special events, such as visits to the theatre, are met from the school fund, which many parents have contributed to in a variety of ways, through fundraising activities and events.

Child Care

Parents are given the option to purchase additional hours to top up the fifteen or thirty funded hours provided by the Government. This is in direct response to requests from parents for school to provide childcare facilities. Parents are provided with a financial agreement form, along with information around session costings.

Breakages

In cases of wilful and malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books and equipment on loan to pupils the Head Teacher in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Body may decide to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.

General

The Governing Body may, from time to time amend the categories for which a charge may be made. The Governing Body reserve the right to review the Charging and Remissions Policy as necessary.