



## **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.

### **Voluntary Contributions from parents of 15 hour children**

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 payable via ParentPay, an online system for parents to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of;

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

The messages about the voluntary contributions are shared with parents and carers from the very beginning of their time in nursery. Parents/carers 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.

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

### **Payment from parents of 30 hour children**

Parents/carers of children eligible for 30 hours free education in school are required to make a daily payment to cover the cost of snacks, lunch and an extra hour of care during lunch club. This is payable via the online system, Parent Pay.

### **Extra sessions in Nursery for the 15 hour children**

Parents/carers are given the opportunity to buy additional hours to top up their free 15 hours. This can only be accommodated if there is space in school, where ratios of 1:13 must be adhered to at all times. Parents need to speak to the Headteacher about availability and costs for this on a term-by-term basis. Charges would be added to ParentPay for any potential take up of this.

## **Childcare**

Parents are given the option to purchase additional hours beyond the school day eg after school care and holiday care. 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 costings and will be charged via an invoice from the Childcare organisation.

### **Breakages**

In cases of wilful and malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books and equipment on loan to children 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.

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