



# Godalming Junior School

## CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

This policy was reviewed: Spring 2016

This policy will be reviewed next: Spring 2017

### i. Voluntary Contributions

The Governors will seek voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of any activity, whether during or outside school hours, residential or non-residential to cover, for example, the cost of travel, swimming tuition fees, entrance fees or insurance. It will be made clear that such contributions will be genuinely voluntary and that pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request. *Parents claiming the following benefits will be invited to speak to the Headteacher in confidence regarding the voluntary contribution:*

Universal Credit, Income support, Income based Jobseekers Allowance, support under the VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit (providing that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family income does not exceed £16,190 -Financial year 2015/16), The guarantee element of State Pension Credit or an income related employment and support allowance.

The Governors or Headteacher will also make clear to parents at the outset if any activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions and at the same time it will be made equally clear that the activity will not take place if parents are reluctant to support it. At the Headteacher's discretion, the school will remit the appropriate contributions if the activity does not take place.

There is no limit to the level of voluntary contribution which parents or others can make to school activities, nor is any restriction placed upon the use which can be made of such contributions. If anyone is genuinely unable to contribute towards the cost of an activity, they may indicate so in confidence to the Headteacher. The Governors will do all in their power to assist in these cases.

### ii. Charging in Kind

The cost of ingredients, materials etc. needed for practical subjects such as Food Technology or Craft is budgeted for and borne by the school. Parents who are willing to contribute in cash or kind, will be however invited to do so on a voluntary basis. The school may charge for or require the supply of ingredients or materials if parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product, if there is one. The school will obtain written confirmation from parents that they wish to supply or pay for materials on this basis. Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not materials are being provided by their parents.

**iii. Board and Lodging on Residential Visits**

For a visit or activity arranged for Godalming Junior School pupils on behalf of the Governing Body which requires pupils to spend one or more nights away from their usual overnight accommodation, it is the policy of the Governors to charge the actual cost of providing board and lodging to each participating pupil. The Governors will observe the statutory requirement to remit charges for board and lodging in the case of pupils whose parents are in receipt of the benefits, previously referred to, where the activity is deemed to take place in school hours.

**iv. Breakages**

The school reserves the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item, such as a broken window or defaced, damaged or lost textbooks where this is a result of a pupil's behaviour.



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