



## CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

<b>UN Convention on the Rights of the Child</b>	
Article 26	You have the right to help from the government if you are poor or in need.
Article 28	You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.
Article 29	Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

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The Governing Body recognises the valuable contributions that the wide range of additional activities provided, including clubs, educational visits and residential experiences, make towards pupils personal and social education. This policy aims to clarify what is liable for charging and what is left as voluntary contribution and states where remission of charges may be available.

### **Education during school hours**

A charge may be made for extra-curricular instrumental tuition and instrument hire.

### **Education partly during school hours**

**Residential** - Where a school activity involves pupils being at least one night away from home, a charge for the actual cost of providing board and lodging will be made. In addition, voluntary contributions for transport and activity costs will be sought. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will be exempt from the cost of board and lodgings.

**Non-residential** - Voluntary contributions will be sought to support these activities.

### **Voluntary contributions**

Voluntary contributions will be sought from parents for activities such as educational visits. All letters to parents publicising a particular activity will make it clear if voluntary contributions are being sought and whilst no pupil will be omitted from activities, it will be made clear that the activity will not take place if parents are reluctant to support it. The Headteacher has the right to waive the voluntary contribution if it is causing financial hardship to a family.

### **Optional activities outside school hours**

Charges may be levied for optional activities outside school hours. Charges will not exceed the actual cost of the individual pupil's participation. These costs can include insurance and accounting costs (non-teaching staff costs).

### **Charges for materials used**

A charge may be made where the school has supplied the materials for making an item which the pupil subsequently takes home.

### **Breakages and damage**

Parents may be asked to pay for breakages and/or damage to school property or equipment where this is the result of a pupil's misbehaviour.

**Remissions available-** The Headteacher may apply some remission of charges for optional activities for pupils whose parents will find it difficult to meet the costs.

**The Freedom of Information Act 2000** took full effect on January 1st 2005, establishing a general right of access to information held by all public authorities, including maintained schools. Cranford Park CE Primary School has discretion to charge applicants a fee in accordance with the Fees Regulations.

If a person requests information not contained within the school's publication scheme, the school will charge a fee as outlined below:

- Photocopying            20p for an A4 sheet.
- Postage                    the amount required to post any information.

Charges for photocopying and postage must be met in full before any request for

information will be undertaken.

In addition to photocopying and postage charges, in accordance with DCA and LA guidelines, staff-time costs will be charged. This will be at a rate of £25 per hour.

If any request exceeds £450 in staff-time costs, the school may refuse to answer it, or charge up to and including the full costs of answering. If the applicant refuses to pay the fee, the school may refuse to supply the information.

### **General Data Protection Regulation 2018**

We are not allowed to charge for subject access requests (SAR) therefore these will be completed free of charge.

### **Charges for Lettings:**

#### **Level 1 – Free of Charge**

Lettings to Friends of Cranford Park PTA

The following groups at the discretion of the Headteacher:

Letting for the sole benefit of pupils at Cranford Park Primary School

Letting to Yateley Community Pre-School for the sole benefit of their pupils or Cranford Park Primary School pupils

Letting by other community groups

#### **Level 2 - chargeable**

All other lettings outside of level 1:

Hall - £20 per hour

Playground/field - £20 per hour or free of charge when hired in conjunction with the hall.

Class Room - £10 per hour

Music Room - £10 per hour

### **Notes:**

1. Minimum chargeable period is 30 minutes (pro-rata above charges).
2. The Headteacher reserves the right to alter the charges at her discretion.
3. The above charges do not include VAT. For general hire VAT is not charged, unless the school is asked to provide equipment such as sound systems, computers (tables and chairs can be used without the need to add VAT).
4. VAT must be added to the charge for use of sports facilities (unless used for non-sporting activity). We do not have any dedicated sports facilities.
5. VAT may be exempted under HM Revenue & Customs rules if the hirer qualifies – apply to the school.
6. Hire Agreement or Transfer of Control Agreement must be completed.

*The Governing Body believes that fairness and consistency of judgement is essential to the operation of the school. All members of the school have equality of opportunity to achieve their full potential and will not be discriminated against because of age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, race, or religion. The Governing Body believes that the school always has to be aware of the potential for unconscious discrimination, to avoid assumptions about individual members of the school based on stereotypes and to use the teaching and learning arrangements actively to encourage everyone to achieve their full potential. All our policies are consistent with our duty of care to protect our pupils and to provide a learning environment that is safe and healthy. In all our dealings, we respect the strict code of confidentiality that underpins our school ethos.*