



ROCKWOOD CHARGING POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

This charging and remissions policy complies with statutory requirements and is reviewed on an annual basis.

CHARGING POLICY

Activities without charge

There will be no charge for the following activities:

- education provided wholly or mostly during school hours. This includes the supply of any materials, books, instruments, other equipment and also transport provided in school hours to carry pupils between the school and an activity;
- education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination which the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education;
- instrumental and vocal music tuition for pupils learning individually or in groups , unless the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent / carer.
- entry for a prescribed public examination including re-sits if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school
- examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit at the school

Voluntary Contributions

The school may ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of school-time activities to assist with funding, subject to the following conditions:

- any children of parents who do not wish to contribute will not be treated any differently;
- where there are insufficient contributions to make the activity viable, or the school cannot fund it from some other source, then the activity will be cancelled.

All requests to parents for voluntary contributions will make it clear that the contributions are voluntary and that there is no obligation to make any contribution.

Chargeable Activities

The school may recover the full costs of the following activities but charges will not exceed actual cost:

- any materials, books, instruments, or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him/her to own them;
- optional extras (see below);
- certain early years provision (see the Education (Charges for Early Years Provision) Regulations 2012);
- community facilities. (see S27 Education Act 2002)

Optional Extras

Charges may be made for some activities which are detailed below:

- education provided outside of school time that is not:
 - part of the national curriculum;
 - part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school; or
 - part of religious education.
- transport (other than transport that is required to take the pupil to school or to other premises where the local authority/governing body have arranged for the pupil to be provided with education);
- board and lodging for a pupil on a residential visit (subject to remission arrangements)
- extended day services offered to pupils (for example breakfast club, after-school clubs, tea and supervised homework sessions where this is run under the responsibility of the governing body).

(note: schools may wish to attach a schedule of current charges as an appendix to the policy)

In calculating the cost of optional extras an amount may be included in relation to:

- any materials, books, instruments, or equipment provided in connection with the optional extra;
- the cost of buildings and accommodation;
- non-teaching staff;

- teaching staff engaged under contracts for services purely to provide an optional extra, this includes supply teachers engaged specifically to provide the optional extra; and

Any charge made in respect of individual pupils will not exceed the actual cost of providing the optional extra activity, divided equally by the number of pupils participating.

Remissions Policy

There will be no charge for board and lodgings for pupils whose parents are receiving specified benefits. This is subject to change but usually equates to pupils being eligible for free school meals (due to the receipt of specified benefits and not through the introduction of universal infant FSM). Current eligible benefits can be found on the DfE website.

Charges for other 'chargeable activities' may also be fully or partly remitted. Where appropriate Governors approve the use of the delegated budget and other funding streams such as Pupil Premium to allow 'chargeable activities' to be fully or partly remitted.

Details of any remission arrangements will be made clear when parents are informed of charges for individual activities.

CHARGING AGREEMENT & PARENTAL AGREEMENT FOR EXTENDED PROVISION

Name of

Child: _____

PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS:-

I AGREE to pay the fees for extended provision (EXTRA SESSIONS and LUNCH CLUB) for at least one term. (*We require families to provide **half a term's notice of change** if you wish to withdraw, in order to plan staffing accordingly*).

I AGREE to pay the fees for extended provision (BREAKFAST CLUB and AFTER SCHOOL) for at least one week. (We require families to provide **a week's notice of change** if you wish to withdraw).

It will not be possible to refund unattended sessions as the space and staffing will have been allocated to your child and would not be available to allocate to another in their absence.

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- Rockwood Nursery School will charge an advertised rate for education and activities for children accessing the group, which are advertised at Reception.
- Parents/carers will be informed of the fees and will be required to pay for sessions

IN ADVANCE:

PLEASE TICK how & when you will be paying

Vouchers Cash/CHQ School Online Account (Scopay)

Government Tax Free Vouchers ***Please provide Ref No.*:**

Weekly Monthly Half Termly Full Termly

- Fees that remain unpaid for a period of 2 weeks will receive a text message to ask for immediate payment.
- Fees that remain unpaid for 3 weeks will receive a letter advising of the loss of place and further action if arrangements are not made to pay the outstanding amount.
- Fees that remain unpaid for 4 weeks will lose the provision of the place and action will be taken to reclaim the outstanding amount.

Parent's name: _____

Parent's signature: _____