



CHARGING POLICY

At Mersey Vale Primary School, we are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all irrespective of race, gender, ability, religion, socio-economic factors and disability. The achievement of all pupils is monitored and we use this data to raise standards and ensure inclusive teaching and learning.

We aim to provide our pupils with a firm foundation which will enable them to fulfil their potential. We seek to eliminate unlawful discrimination. At Mersey Vale we believe that diversity and inclusion are strengths, which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach and visit here.

As required by the Education Reform Act 1988 the School Governors are required to determine a charging and remissions policy.

The school's Charging Policy has been adopted by the Governing Body in November 2017.

The Governors anticipate that it may be necessary from time to time to amend the policy but, if so, parents will be notified accordingly.

1. Terms.

1.1 Terms used in this policy are as those defined within the legislation.

2. School Hours.

2.1 School hours are those when the school is actually in session – they do not include the mid-day break.

The school hours are: 8.55 am to 12.00 pm each weekday
 1 pm to 3.15 pm each weekday

3. Activities.

3.1 This policy confirms the right of the school to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of any activity organised by the school whether during or outside school hours.

3.2 No charge will be made (except at (i), (ii) and (iii) below) for any activity offered to pupils during the school day.

3.3 No charge will be made (except at (i) to (iv) below) for any activity, which is organised by the school outside the school day.

- (i) Charges may be made for the actual cost of tuition to individuals or groups of 4 or less pupils in the playing of a musical instrument not being part of a syllabus or prescribed examination where parents have indicated their agreement in advance.
- (ii) Charges may be made for materials or ingredients required for practical subjects where parents have indicated in advance their desire to own the product.
- (iii) Charges may be made for the actual cost of board and lodging.

No charge in respect of board and lodgings will be made for pupils where parents are in receipt of income support or family credit.

- (a) During school hours OR
- (b) Outside school hours but required to fulfil a statutory duty or syllabus of a prescribed examination.

- (iv) Charges may be made for other activities, which are recognisably distinct from the curriculum where parents have indicated their agreement in advance.

4. Damage and Losses.

4.1 Charges may be made for the cost of repairing or replacing any damaged property or item resulting from a pupil's inappropriate behaviour.

4.2 Charges may be made for the cost of replacing any property or item which has been loaned or hired to a pupil and not returned.

5. Remissions.

5.1 The discretion to remit in whole or in part any charge that may be made by the school has been vested in the Headteacher.

5.2 Remission may be made on the grounds of educational considerations with regard to both pupil and the school needs.

5.3 Remission may be made on the grounds of financial considerations with regard to both the pupil and the school needs.

5.4 Remissions may be made on a group or an individual pupil basis.