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## **SARISBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL**

### **GOVERNORS' POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Under the provisions of the 1988 Education Reform Act, Governing Bodies choosing to charge for certain defined activities must first draw up a statement of their policy in this matter.

The policy of the Governing Body of Sarisbury CE Junior School is to charge parents in full for the following activities:

- Residential activities within school hours and activities wholly or mainly out of school hours but part of the National Curriculum - Board and lodging only will be charged. Families where two children are participating in the same residential activity will receive a 50% reduction for the second child.
- Activities wholly or mainly out of school hours but not part of the club activities run by school staff or National Curriculum.
- Individual music tuition provided by the H.C.C. Music Service will be provided at a nominal charge of £55 per term (2016-2017). Families where two children are having instrumental tuition at school will receive a 50% reduction for their second child. Charges will be made termly and reminders sent at the beginning of each term. Should a payment not be received for tuition, a reminder will be issued. If payment is still outstanding, a final reminder will be issued and at that point the child will be withdrawn from instrumental tuition until appropriate fees are paid.

Wherever charges are made, the school will provide financial assistance to families where parents are in receipt of income support. In addition, parents who face financial difficulties are encouraged to approach the school for support. In all cases the Headteacher will consult with the Chair of Finance.

The activities outlined above will also be supported by Government funding, through the Pupil Premium, for pupils entitled to free school meals (FSM), whose parents are members of the armed services, or were previously adopted. The school may apply use of the Pupil Premium in support of other pupils considered vulnerable.

For any other specific circumstance where charges are permissible, but not covered by the above, an individual ruling will be made by the Governors.

#### Voluntary Contributions

The School may seek voluntary contributions for curriculum enhancement activities such as school trips and visiting entertainers where charges are not permissible but costs will be incurred. Such contributions must be genuinely voluntary and no pupil may be treated differently according to the parents' ability to contribute. There is no limit to the level of voluntary contribution that parents or others can make. The School may wish to indicate the level of contribution per pupil which would be required if the activity were to take place and make it clear that it may not take place if there is insufficient voluntary financial support.