



# **FALCONHURST SCHOOL**

## **CHARGES AND REMISSIONS POLICY**

**Review Date:** June 2019

**Next Review Date:** June 2020

**This policy and procedure is subject to The Equality Act 2010 which recognises the following categories of individual as Protected Characteristics: Age, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion and Belief, Sex (gender), Sexual orientation and Disability.**

## **Introduction**

This charging policy has been compiled in line with DFE requirements and in accordance with s457 of the Education Act, 1996.

## **Basic Principles**

No charge can be made for education during school hours. The definition of 'education' includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Education Authority or the school to carry pupils between the school and the activity. 'School hours' are those when the school is actually in session, and do not include the break in the middle of the day.

School trips, visits and practical activities enhance the pupils' learning and broaden their knowledge and experience. These are undertaken with the voluntary contributions of parents. No pupil will be excluded from an activity because his or her parents cannot or will not make a voluntary contribution. The opportunity to pay in instalments will be offered to parents who wish to pay in this way.

## **Voluntary Contributions**

There is an exception to the rule about not charging for activities in school hours. Parents may be invited to make voluntary contributions to extend the value of school funds.

If a particular activity cannot take place without some help from parents, this will be explained at the planning stage. If a planned activity has to be cancelled any monies received will be returned. Contributions will not exceed the actual cost.

Examples where parents may be asked for a voluntary contribution include:

- School Trips
- Enrichment activities e.g. external dance group or specialist music lessons

## **Breakfast Club**

The School will charge parents for these services, out of school hours, and the scale of charges will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis. For financial year 2017-2018 these are set at £1 per day or free of charge to children eligible for the Pupil Premium grant.

## **After School Club – Night Owls**

The School will charge parents for these services, out of school hours, and the scale of charges will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis. For academic year 2019-2020 these are set at £8 flat fee for any length of session up to 6pm

## **Little Falcons Nursery**

The School will charge parents for this service, and the scale of charges will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis. For academic year 2019-2020 these are set at £4.50 per hour in excess of the 15 hour government grant offer, where families do not qualify for the 30 hour funded Nursery place

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### **Ancillary Services**

The School may offer additional non educational services and the scale of charges will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis. This includes the sale of School uniform and related items; an itemised list of individual item costs is attached as Appendix 1.

### **Lettings**

The school will make its facilities available to outside users at a charge of at least the cost of providing the facilities (personnel, insurance and heating). The scale of charges and terms and conditions for lettings will be approved annually by the Finance Committee as part of the Lettings Policy.

### **Remissions Policy**

If the parent /carer of a pupil is in receipt of Free School Meals/Pupil Premium the Head Teacher, School Business Manager or Governing Body may choose to reduce charges in respect of a particular activity, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances i.e. included in one of the above categories. This does not apply in the case of pupils in receipt of the Government's Universal Free School Meals not in receipt of Pupil Premium.

### **Extra Curricular Activities run by External Providers**

External providers will set and collect their own charges.

### **Other charges**

The Head Teacher, School Business Manager, Finance Committee or Governing Body may levy charges for miscellaneous services up to the cost of providing such services e.g. photocopying.

### **Breakages & Damages**

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books on loan to children, the Head Teacher or School Business Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Body may decide it right to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.

The Head Teacher, School Business Manager, Finance Committee or Governing Body may remit in full or part charges in respect of a pupil, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.

### **Exceptions**

The Head Teacher, School Business Manager, Finance Committee or Governing Body may decide not to levy charges in respect of a particular activity, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.

### **Scale of Charges**

These are itemised in Appendix 1 and will be approved by the Governing Body on an annual basis.

# **APPENDIX 1**

## **Scale of Charges in Financial Year 2019-2020**

### **Breakfast Club:**

£1 per day to cover breakfast and care provision from 8am to 8.45am

### **After School Club – Night Owls:**

£2.50 (daily mini session), £5 (daily part session) and £7.50 (daily full session) to cover snack and nurture play provision from 3.15pm to 6pm

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, an £8 flat fee to cover snack and nurture play provision for any session length from 3.15pm to 6pm

### **Little Falcons Nursery:**

£4.50 per hour over the 15 hour government grant entitlement; unless eligible for 30 funded hours.

### **School Uniform:**

Sweatshirt	£10
Zipped Fleece	£12
Polo Shirt	£7
PE Shorts	£5
Track Suit Bottoms	£7
Track Suit Top	£12
Book Bag	£2.50
PE Bag	£2.50
Water Bottle	£1.50
Homework Book	£1