







Charging and Remissions Policy Effective from 1st September 2017

Introduction

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that there is clarity over those items which the school/childcare will provide free of charge and for those items where there may be charge. The policy has been informed by the Local Authority policy and the DfE guidance

Definition

The school/childcare is open from 7.45am – 5.45pm each day for 50 weeks per year.

Hours of Provision

Nursery Education (Red & Yellow classes)

Mon – Fri am session 08.45am – 11.45am Mon – Fri pm session 12.30pm – 3.30pm

15 hrs free allocation (TTO)

Mon, Tue all day, 08.45am – 3.30pm Wed am – 08.45am – 11.45pm Wed pm 12.30pm – 3.30pm, Thu, Fri all day– 08.45am – 3.30pm

30 hrs free allocation (TTO)

(Mon – Fri am sessions) 08.45am – 11.45am and pm sessions 12.30pm – 3.30pm Wrap around care can be bought for sessions outside of the above hours.

Extended Provision over and above the free entitlement will be charged for

0-2 Room and 2 - 3 Rooms (Blue & Green rooms)

Morning session - 07.45am - 12.45pm Afternoon session - 12.45pm - 5.45pm

Two Year Old Offer

Morning session - 08.45am - 11.45am Afternoon session - 12.45am - 3.45pm

Wraparound Provision

Breakfast session 07.45am – 08.45am Lunchtime session 11.45am – 12.45am After school session 3.30pm – 5.45pm

Responsibilities

The Executive Headteacher or Head of School will ensure that staff are familiar with and correctly apply this policy. The Governors will review the policy as part of their review cycle.

Policy Statement

During the school day all activities that are a necessary part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum will be provided free of charge. This includes any materials, equipment and transport to take children between

St Edmund's Nursery School and Children's Centre and the activity. Voluntary contributions may be sought for activities during the school day which entail additional costs, for example educational outings and visits. In these circumstances no child will be prevented from participating because his/her parents cannot or will not make a contribution. If sufficient funds are not available it maybe necessary to curtail or cancel activities. (See Educational Outings & Visits Policy).

Optional activities outside of the school day

We may charge for optional, extra activities provided outside of the school day for example holiday events, theatre visits etc.

Education partly during the school day

If a non-residential activity happens partly inside the school day and partly outside of it, there will be no charge if most of the time to be spent on the activity falls within the school day. Conversely, if the bigger proportion of time spent falls outside of the normal school day, charges will be made. When such activities are arranged parents will be told how the charges were calculated.

Residentials

Charge will be made for board and lodging, except for child whose parents are in receipt of eligible benefits.

West Bradford Cluster Children's Centre events and activities

Throughout the week and in the school holidays we run many different activities, events and courses for families. A small charge may be made to cover refreshments and resources.

Contributions may be also be sought for activities during the holidays which entail additional costs, for example outings and visits. If sufficient funds are not available it may be necessary to curtail or cancel activities

Vulnerable families identified by the Family Support team who have a family support plan in place may be eligible to attend free of charge.

Calculating charges

When charges are made for any activity, whether during or outside of the school day, they will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of children/families participating. There will be no levy on those who can pay to support those who can't or won't. Support for cases of hardship will come though voluntary contributions and fundraising.

Photocopying

A charge will usually be made for photocopying of any documents provided to parents and outside agencies at cost (including admin time), which is not related to school day activities.

Lettings - See Lettings Policy

Governors' allowances

The governors of St Edmund's Nursery School & Children's Centre voluntarily give their time to support the development of our school and the West Bradford Children's Centre Cluster. They do not claim any costs in relation to their duties.