Roe Green Infant & Strathcona School
Charging & Remissions Policy

This Charging Policy informs staff and parents about charging for School activities. It conforms to the requirements of the guidance detailed in the DfE Governance Handbook October 2020 [section 6.7.5] and DfE "Charging for School Activities May 2018" Guidance.

In accordance with these guidelines Roe Green Infant & Strathcona School

- Will not charge for books, materials, equipment and instruction in connection with the National Curriculum or Statutory Religious Education taught at school, except where parents have indicated in advance their wish to purchase the product.

- Will not charge for any activities which take place in school time, apart from instrumental tuition for individual pupils or pupils in groups if the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parents/carers.

- May charge for School-Time activities by inviting parents and others to make voluntary contributions to enable School Funds to go further. These will be priced as economically as possible. A report will be made to the Finance & Buildings Committee at the annual review of this policy and their decisions regarding pricing will be recorded in the committee minutes.

- May charge for board and lodging component of residential trips. The charge will not exceed the actual cost.

- Is committed to ensuring that no child is excluded from an activity because parents/carers of a pupil are unwilling or unable to pay.

- Will give consideration to the remission of charges to parents/carers who receive the following support payments:
    - Universal Credit in prescribed circumstances
    - Income Support (IS)
    - Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
    - Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999;
    - Child Tax Credit , provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received;
    - The guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
    - An income related employment & support allowance introduce 27.10.2008.
    - Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.

- May permit organizations to charge parents when such an organization is acting independently of the School or the LA, to arrange an activity to take place during school hours and parents want their children to join in the activity.

- May charge for activities (optional extras) which happen outside School hours when these activities are not necessary or part of the National Curriculum. Individual cases of need will be treated consistently and fairly.

- Parents are asked to make a contribution towards replacing damaged or lost school property caused willfully or negligently by their children.

- Governors will review the lettings charges levied by the school on an annual basis.

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Reviewed and no changes required agreed at Governing Board Meeting 24th June 2021

Reviewed June 2019 – dates of guidance documents updated & reference made to F & B Committee agreeing pricing.
Reviewed July 2020 no changes; June 2021 no changes.