CHILTON FOLIAT CofE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our School Christian Vision

With thankfulness, courage and love,
we strive to improve heart and mind.

At Chilton Foliat Primary School we honour our educational heritage, supported by a strong Christian ethos. We strive to provide a diverse education that inspires children to develop a **thirst for knowledge**. This is delivered in a safe, thoughtful and nurturing environment promoting self-discipline, motivation and excellence in all that we do. We encourage strong partnerships and inclusive relationships amongst pupils, parents, carers, staff and the wider community. Our children leave Chilton Foliat Primary School with a deep understanding of the impact of living out our school Christian vision and values. As a result, they are well-rounded, confident and able to contribute positively to a wider community. They want to continue to **thirst for knowledge** and strive to improve **heart** and **mind** enjoying a diverse curriculum in their next educational setting.

Charging and Remisions Policy

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Review Body	Headteacher/Resources Committee

Introduction

This Charging and Remissions Policy complies with statutory requirements, has regard to the Authority's Policy Statements on charging and is reviewed on an annual basis by the school Governing Body's Resource Committee.

Aims and Objectives

The aims of the Policy are to:

- Set out what the school will not charge for and what it will make a charge for or request a voluntary contribution towards, from parents/guardians
- Clarify how charges will be determined, so parents and guardians understand why requests for payments are sometimes made for some activities.

Activities without charge

There will be no charge for the following activities:

- Education provided wholly or mostly during school hours. This includes the supply of any materials, books, instruments and other equipment
- Education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination, which the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education
- Instrumental and vocal music tuition which is part of the National Curriculum.

Voluntary contributions

The school may ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of school-time activities to assist with funding, subject to the following conditions:

- Any children of parents who do not wish to contribute will not be treated any differently
- Where there are insufficient contributions to make the activity viable, the activity will be cancelled.

Chargeable activities

The school may recover the full costs of the following activities, which may be provided directly or through commissioned services but charges will not exceed the actual cost.

- Educational or other activities provided wholly or mainly outside school hours, which are not

  (a) Part of the National Curriculum.

(b) Part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination, which the pupil is being prepared for at school.

(c) Part of religious education.

This could include before and after school clubs run by, or on behalf of, the school as well as other clubs run outside of school term.

- Board and lodgings on residential visits (subject to remission arrangements)
- Provision of instrumental and vocal tuition, which takes place during the school day and which has been requested by parents/guardians.
- Provision of materials/ingredients for subjects such as Art and Design or Food Technology where pupils take home a finished product.

Remissions Policy

There will be no charge for board and lodgings for pupils whose parents/guardians are receiving:

- income support
- income based job seeker's allowance,
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit – Provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run on- paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Charges for other 'chargeable activities' may also be fully or partially remitted. Details of any remission arrangements will be made clear when parents are informed of charges for individual activities.

The following are due to apply at the school over the following year.

1 **Voluntary Contributions**

1.1 When organizing events such as: school trips, visits or speakers the school invites parents to make a voluntary contribution to the cost. If we do not receive sufficient funds the school may cancel the event.

1.2 Parents have a right to know how each event is funded. The school provides this information on request.

2 **Music Tuition**

2.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We offer recorder lessons for years 3 & 4 without charge.

2.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition for piano, violin, drumming and guitar lessons etc as these are not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

3 **Swimming**

3.1 The school organises swimming lessons for Years 3 & 4 and any KS2 pupil who has not yest passed their National Curriculum end of KS2 expectation. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. The parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution to the cost of transport. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons.

4. **After school clubs and sports activities**

There are a number of after-school activities e.g., Karate, Craft Club. There are separate charges for these clubs which are paid directly by parents to the providers.

5. **French**

5.1 French lessons are taught across the school by an outside provider. These take place in the normal school day. There is no charge for this activity.

6 **Wrap Around Care**

6.1 Breakfast Club runs every morning from 07.50 until 08:40 and After School club from 3.20pm until 6.00pm. These are run by Chilton Club Childcare which is a not-for-profit organisation. There is a charge for this service. Chilton Club Childcare may at times offer after school and other club activities in and out of school term time for which there is a charge.

General:

The cost of repairing damage and replacing equipment (lost, defaced or damaged) remains the responsibility of the parents when this damage or loss is the result of their child's behaviour or negligence. The Governing Body from inviting parents, alumni and any interested parties of the school to make donations or voluntary contributions, regular or otherwise, to contribute towards the breadth and quality of education and resource, which the children will benefit from and enjoy.