



Rosh Pinah Primary School

Charging & Remissions Policy

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The 1988 Education Act draws a distinction between the term “charges” which are considered to be obligatory and “Voluntary Contributions” which are self explanatory.

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All costs are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

Subsidies may be available from various community support funds and in the case of financial hardship; we encourage parents to talk in the first instance with their Synagogue Administrator who may know whether funds exist within the local community to support families experiencing financial hardship.

The school does not make a profit on school trips or activities. We aim to cover the costs of trips and sometimes an activity runs at a loss due to lack of contributions. Where this is the case, we will review the activity and the activity may be withdrawn in the future.

Inclusion

At Rosh Pinah our values embrace inclusion. We aim to ensure that we promote the inclusion of all members of the school including children, parents, staff, governors and the local community according to Orthodox Jewish practice. Our framework is based on suitable learning challenges, responding to each pupil’s diverse learning needs and overcoming potential barriers to learning so that all stakeholders in all areas of school life can participate as fully as possible. The ethos of inclusion is a whole school policy and will therefore permeate all aspects of school life.

ISSUES	POLICY
Rosh Pinah Giving (RPG)	The RPG is a voluntary contribution payable by parents in Reception to Year 6. The RPG covers the Jewish Studies provision, all security and also general running costs of the school not covered by Central Government. The amount of the RPG is determined by the Rosh Pinah Trust and notified to parents by way of letter each term.
Nursery Fees for additional services	All parents of Nursery children are entitled to 15 hours of free nursery provision or 30 hours with a valid eligibility code. Rosh Pinah Nursery offers additional hours of Jewish Studies and specialist PE all of which are charged on a termly basis. This additional charge also covers security.
Year 6 residential in school time.	<p>Parents are required to meet the full cost of the residential visit other than in cases of extreme financial hardship agreed by the Headteacher.</p> <p>Parents are advised of the cost in the September the year before the trip and are given the option of paying in several monthly instalments which is administered by the school office.</p> <p>If the income for each activity does not meet the overall cost, such activities may have to be cancelled.</p>

Year 5 residential Shabbaton weekend	<p>Parents are required to meet the full cost of the residential visit other than in cases of extreme financial hardship agreed by the Headteacher.</p> <p>If the income for each activity does not meet the overall cost, such activities may have to be cancelled.</p>
Individual Instrumental Music Tuition	Where the school provides an 'outside' tutor, parents will be charged for the tuition.
Lost/damaged school equipment, books, etc.	Parents will be requested to replace lost/damaged stationery items at a cost of £3.00 each and lost/damaged library book at £6.50.
Breakages and damages to school buildings, furniture or property.	Wilful damage to school buildings or property by a pupil will be charged to parents by the school.
School lunches – Nursery	<p>The school has a kosher kitchen and all children eat a school lunch. For kashrut reasons no packed lunches are allowed to be brought into school. The cost of a school lunch is £3.50 from 1 September 2023 and must be paid for <u>in advance</u> either weekly, half-termly or termly. Meals are charged every day without exception unless a child is absent from school sick for 10 days or more with a doctors certificate. This is not a voluntary contribution but a charge for services provided. The school operates a strict School Meals Debt Policy which is available on the website. The School reserves the right to offset monies held in credit against monies owed for meals.</p>
School lunches – Key Stage 1	<p>The school has a kosher kitchen and all children eat a school lunch. For kashrut reasons no packed lunches are allowed to be brought into school. The top up for the kosher element of school lunches is £70 per term from 1 September 2023.</p>
Before and after school clubs	The school runs a large range of before and after school clubs for which parents pay directly to the provider. The details of clubs are available on the website. Charges vary.
Breakfast Club and Wrap around care	The school runs breakfast and after school childcare for Reception to Year 6. These sessions are booked and paid for in advance via SchoolGateway.
Visits to or by a visiting theatre group, theatre and other group workshops in school	When visiting theatre groups come into school to enhance the curriculum, we will ask parents to make a contribution to the cost of such activities in the same way as we do when classes go on an outing. This is a voluntary contribution but if the income received does not meet the overall cost, such activities may have to be cancelled.