



Grandpont
Nursery School & Childcare

CHARGING & REMISSIONS POLICY

(from OCC model policy)

Date agreed and ratified by Governing Body: 8th Oct 2021

Grandpont Nursery School policy on charging for and remissions for school activities

The 1996 Education Act requires all schools to have a policy on charging and remissions for school activities, which will be kept under regular review. The review date for this policy is recorded at the end of the document.

No charge is made for education provided during school hours (including admission application, the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment).

Charges might be made by a school for extra curricular music tuition, private examinations, residential trips or for certain materials supplied by the school that parents wish to keep. Grandpont Nursery School does not foresee any non-voluntary charges being applied in this school.

Remissions are payments made by the school to meet the cost of the charges where parents of the child are subject to financial hardship. Remissions are made to try to minimise the financial barriers which may prevent some pupils taking full advantage of the opportunities offered by the school. In these circumstances governors of the school must decide on specific criteria to determine which families are entitled to remissions. Grandpont Nursery School does not foresee the need to apply charges and so no remissions will be made.

Voluntary contributions

Separately from the matter of charging, schools may always seek voluntary contributions in order to offer a wide variety of experiences to pupils. All requests for voluntary contributions will emphasise their voluntary nature and the fact that pupils of parents who do not make such contributions will be treated no differently from those who have.

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The Law says:

If the activity cannot be funded without voluntary contributions the Governing Body or Headteacher will make this clear to parents from the outset.

No child will be excluded from an activity because parents are unable to pay.

If insufficient contributions are raised, the trip or activity may have to be cancelled.

If a parent is unwilling or unable to pay their child will be given an equal chance to go on the visit.

Childcare facilities in the Children's Centre are not part of the education provided by Grandpont Nursery School and charges for these facilities are made under a contractual agreement with parents.

Policy Agreed by the Governing Body on October 2021

Signed **Chair of Governing Body**

Next Review Date: Autumn 2023