

POLICY ON VISITS and ACTIVITIES – CHARGES & REMISSION

We endeavour to take the children on a number of visits to places of interest connected with their work. We ask families for a consent form and their current contact details to be completed and always give full details of any visit before it takes place. The cost of such occasions is kept to a minimum and contributions for many of our travelling expenses are made from funds raised by FORS.

Policy on Charging for School Activities and Remissions

Legislation states that in trying to arrange any form of educational visit, to take place wholly or largely in school hours, schools must not operate any form of charging system whereby any child whose parents did not pay would be prevented from participating.

Schools are allowed to seek voluntary contributions in relation to such activities, provided that all parents know that such contributions are genuinely voluntary, and that failure or inability to contribute would not prevent their children from participating.

It is the policy of Roselands Governing Body that, recognising the very real educational value of school visits, they wish to continue to try to arrange them whenever deemed relevant and appropriate, in the hope that there will continue to be a level of voluntary parental support sufficient to enable such arrangements to be financially viable.

However, there should be no risk of the school finding itself in financial difficulties as a result of its funds being used to subsidise activities of this nature, and the school cannot therefore proceed with arrangements for any such activity if the voluntary contributions in relation to that activity subsequently prove insufficient to cover the total costs involved.

All pupils who are registered as eligible for free school meals receive notification of the costs of trips, for information only. Their letter is sent, in an envelope, stating all expenses will be covered for their child from the pupil premium funding.

Families of all pupils who are eligible for free school meals are encouraged to apply for remission of music fees if they wish to take up instrumental tuition.

All events and activities involving any cost always include a sentence or paragraph inviting families to contact the school office, in confidence, if there are any issues regarding payment of any kind. Where financial difficulties are recognised arrangements may also be made for reduced contributions or payment by instalments to be organised on an individual basis, as appropriate.