

**Witton Church Walk CE Primary School**  
**Policy for Maintained Nursery to charge for the delivery**  
**of Early Years Foundation Stage**  
**(in addition to the free entitlement for three and four year olds)**



***'Where Every Door is Opened and Every Gift is Unlocked'***

At Witton we are a partnership of school, church, home and community. We create a stimulating and caring environment, grounded in Christian belief and practice, so that all members of our school community feel happy, safe and secure. Time is taken to value and nurture each child educationally, creatively and spiritually. Children and staff are encouraged to aim for 'Everyday Excellence' and believe in themselves in order to achieve their full potential.

Our school works within the recommendations of The Equality Act 2010. Please read this policy alongside and with reference to the Equality, Disability and Community Policy 2016.

## **1. Background Information**

The Education Act 1996, Section 451 states that 'schools are unable to charge for educational services during school hours'. Following the introduction of the Early Years Foundation Stage in September 2008 there is no longer a distinction between care and education. Prior to September 2008, some schools developed their own charging policy for any care element delivered outside of the free entitlement, in accordance with Section 27(3) of the Education Act 2002.

## **2. Decision**

The Government has indicated that no regulations are imminent regarding whether or not maintained Nurseries can charge for EYFS provision outside of the free entitlement. It has advised Local Authorities to develop their own policies regarding schools charging for the delivery of any part of EYFS during school hours.

As the law is ambiguous on whether or not maintained settings can charge outside the free entitlement, the Authority has exercised its discretion and approved the policy decision for Maintained Nurseries to charge for EYFS provision during school hours outside of the free entitlement for eligible three and

four year olds. This places Schools on a more even footing with Private, Voluntary and Independent Sector providers.

### **3. EYFS Delivery**

Where children attend the maintained nursery for a period longer than their free entitlement; the school must ensure EYFS is delivered in accordance with the Statutory Framework and Practice Guidance for the EYFS Sept 2016.

### **4. Income**

Any income received for the charging of Early Years Foundation Stage hours, additional to the free entitlement, will be credited against the appropriate delegated budget.

When setting the charging rate for the delivery of EYFS additional hours over and above the free entitlement, Witton Church Walk CE Primary School ensures that charges are in line with the local market; that all expenditure costs are covered and it is affordable for parents.

### **5. Charging Policy**

- Any additional sessions above the free entitlement will be charged at £11.00 per session i.e. 3 hours in the morning.
- Parents/carers will be invoiced in advance for a half-term of requested sessions.
- If the child does not attend, fees will not be refunded as staffing costs remain.
- This policy should be reviewed termly.
- Any charging for Early Years Foundation Stage must not be carried out if it has a detrimental effect on other children accessing their free entitlement.

**Chair of Govs**

**Headteacher**

**Assistant Headteacher**

**Agreed: January 2017**

**To be reviewed: 2019**