

# RIDGEWAY ACADEMY



## LETTINGS POLICY

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the most effective use is made of the school premises including the Sports Centre complex and All Weather Pitch. We believe that our school should be a centre for lifelong learning and a resource for parents and the wider community. We recognise that the facilities could generate resources for the school. This policy sets out the criteria for making decisions on requests for use by external organisations.

### **Relationship to other policies**

This policy should be read in conjunction with the accessibility plan, Single Equality policy, the Health and Safety policy and the Curriculum policy.

### **Roles and responsibilities of the School and the Local Governing Body**

The School will:

- establish a central booking system
- apply the criteria agreed by the Local Governing Body
- ensure that use by external organisations does not degrade the standards of the facilities to the extent that they are no longer suitable for use by students
- consider the implications of all requests received for the health, safety and security of students and staff
- delegate responsibility for accepting and cancelling hirers to the school

The Local Governing Body, with advice from the School, will:

- balance the desire to generate income against the desire to support “worthy” groups within the community
- set the criteria for groups which can be allowed to use the premises and consider any requests for bookings from other groups
- take a positive approach to enhancing learning opportunities for the whole school community through promoting community use of the school
- consider issues of political balance
- consider the implications for workload of all staff of any decisions it makes
- employ these principles when setting charges for lettings:
  - Lettings to community / voluntary groups and long term lettings will be charged at the reduced cost to cover caretaking, energy, wear and tear and administration
  - Lettings to the PA (Parents Association) are provided free
  - Lettings to the Staff Association are provided free

### **Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation**

The Resources Link Governor will review, on an annual basis, the schedule of use of the school outside of the school day, the number of groups involved and the net profit from such activities.

Issues that required intervention by the Headteacher will be noted, together with the action taken and the outcome. The committee will consider whether the additional use of the school premises is achieving the purposes set out at the start of this policy.

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## Appendix 1

### LETTINGS GUIDELINES

- The school premises and facilities will be used by the school up to 6pm on weekdays in term time. Lettings may take place after school hours, and before 6pm, in agreement with Faculty Leaders and the Operations Manager as long as they do not interfere with the school.
- The school will take priority over all external groups; the school will not be available for lettings on key dates in the year, including Open Evening in the Autumn Term.
- All bookings will be accepted from community groups and individuals unless they conflict with the values and ethos of the school
- The charges applied will vary according to the:
  - Length of term of the booking
  - Charitable status of the booking
  - Facility(ies) being booked
- VAT:
  - Any letting using sports facilities – or a hall marked for sports facilities – is subject to VAT unless they can have a constitution or are a charity
  - Only facilities used for non-sporting activities do not attract VAT (see Appendix 2)

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## Appendix 2

