



## **Charging and Remissions Policy**

### **Introduction**

The Governors are committed to the principle that educational opportunities for children should not be dependent upon their parents' ability to meet the costs of such opportunities. However, Governors are also mindful of their responsibilities to deploy the school's limited financial resources to the maximum benefit of all the children in the school.

In accordance with Government regulations the Governors have decided that school activities, including off-site activities, will be financed by voluntary contributions in full or part from parents. However, the school will ensure that no child is denied the opportunity to be involved because of difficulties over payment.

### **Educational Visits and Extra-Curricular Activities**

The Governors believe that educational and residential activities and extra-curricular activities play an important part in the delivery of the national curriculum and have a large impact on the children's educational and social development.

Whilst charges cannot be levied for educational visits/activities which are part of the national curriculum and take part within the school day, the school may request or invite parents to make a contribution towards the cost of any such the trip or activity if it is not possible to meet the cost within the resources available to the school. Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request. However, where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, then it may be cancelled.

### **Residential Visits**

Residential activities are those requiring pupils to spend one or more nights away from home. Charges will be made for residential visits which will cover the cost of food and accommodation as well as the hiring of trained staff for specialist activities, materials, equipment, entrance fees and insurance.

Parents will be able to pay for residential trips in instalments.

Parents will have the option to decline to pay the charge in which case either the activity will not be provided, or the Governors will use their discretion to meet the cost for that child from other funds available to the school.

### **Items Incidental to Education**

The school may occasionally ask parents to supply their children voluntarily with particular items required for normal educational activity, or to contribute to the cost of materials being used e.g. cooking ingredients. However, no child will be disadvantaged if his or her parent is unwilling to help in this way.



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### **Before and After School Activities**

The school offers additional before and after school activities, such as Early Bird Club, After School Childcare, Football, Dancing and Multiskills coaching. As these sessions are optional and run and organised by qualified coaches, who are not members of the school staff, a small charge is made to cover costs.

### **Music Tuition**

All children study music as part of the school curriculum for which no charges are levied. A charge will be made for individual or group music tuition which is not part of the national curriculum, although the total cost will be subsidised by the school.

### **Damage or Loss to Property**

A charge will be levied in respect of wilful damage, neglect or loss of property (including premises, furniture, equipment, books or materials); the charge to be the cost of replacement or repair, or such lower cost as the Headteacher may decide.

### **Children in Receipt of FSM and/or Pupil Premium Funding**

The school does not want to disadvantage any child from taking part in activities for which there may be a charge/voluntary contribution. This will include, but is not limited to, school visits, residential trips, music tuition and after school clubs. The school may make a contribution towards such activities; the amount offered by the school will be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

### **Letting of Premises**

The school does not let the premises on a commercial basis. The facilities are, however, made available to local community users such as the PCC, Parish Council, Horticultural Society and Pantomime group. There is no charge levied to these groups although they are welcome to make a donation to the school if they so wish. All users are required to complete and adhere to the school's "Conditions of Use for School Premises and Grounds" agreement.