



# Policy for **Charging & Remissions**

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## **Charges for School Activities**

Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1988, schools are not allowed to charge for activities offered to pupils during the day.

They may, however, ask for voluntary contributions.

## **Educational Day Visits**

If your child's class is involved in a visit you will be asked if you are prepared to make a voluntary contribution. It will be made clear whether the visit is dependent upon voluntary contributions being made. If the visit takes place all the children will go whether or not the parents have made a voluntary contribution. PTA fund will normally contribute to public transport fares for accompanying volunteers.

## **School Residential Visits**

On school residential visits of more than 1 night away from school it is expected that every child's parent will pay the full amount prior to the visit or the child will remain in school for the duration. Exception to this would be any child receiving pupil premium, a discounted price would be offered.

### Special Circumstances

Individual circumstances will be viewed by the Head teacher and at the discretion of the governors.

## **Home Economics, Craft and Design Technology**

The present procedure in school is to ask parents for a contribution at the beginning of the year if deemed necessary. We continue to do this, pointing out, that the contributions are voluntary. If parents agree to purchase the items made by their child he/she will take them home. Any child whose parents are unable or unwilling to make a voluntary contribution will not be precluded from the activity and they will be able to take home what they have made.

## **Home Economics, Craft and Design Technology**

We feel these productions, which we occasionally hold in school are a valuable part of our curriculum. The cost is usually about £1.00 per child – much cheaper than a visit to the theatre. In the future we will inform you about any visiting productions and ask you if

you are prepared to make a voluntary contribution before deciding to go ahead with the booking.

Charging for staff and pupils should normally be on a non-profit making basis.

Governors reserve the right to apply the following -

- Possible subsidies if it is deemed appropriate educationally
- Where appropriate a profit may be allowed to balance potential negative costs

## **External Users**

The Head teacher is to be allowed to use his / her discretion in charging of school premises.

The basic principle should be to always cover costs and normally make a profit.

Invoices for any external users will be created using Sims and receipts recorded in the same way and paid into the bank.