



## Charging for School Activities Policy

### Rationale

To comply with County Policy and Education Reform Act 1988 and DfE guidance 'Charging for School Activities' October 2014.

### Purpose

To enhance the children's education by providing extra-curricular experiences.

### Guidelines

- No charges will be made for education in school hours.
- No charges will be made for equipment if required for educational use.
- Voluntary contributions will be requested for any additional activities designed to enhance the curriculum including visits off site and visiting entertainers which take place in school time. However, no pupil will be excluded from the activity on the grounds of non-payment. If a significant proportion of parents are unwilling to make the voluntary contribution it may be necessary to reconsider the feasibility of the activity at the discretion of the Headteacher.
- Parents are given the opportunity to decide whether they want their child to participate in a visit or activity. The shortfall of money incurred when parents elect for their child to go but are not willing to make a voluntary contribution, may be made up from school funds and not added to the shared cost.
- **Residential Visits** – parents will be charged for residential activities. Families requiring financial assistance may approach the Headteacher who will consult with the Chair of the Finance committee. In certain circumstances the school/Governing Body will approach charitable organisations to request support where appropriate.
- **Music Tuition** – individual music tuition provided by the school will be charged to parents. The amount charged will cover the cost of the tuition only; the school will make no profit from this. However, no pupil will be excluded from the activity on the grounds of non-payment.
- **Parent Responsibility** - If a child deliberately damages school premises/property, a request will be made to parents to meet

the cost of repairs/replacements. All such requests will be written direct to parents and a written receipt given.

**Conclusion** – There is no limit to the level of voluntary contribution that parents or others can make. In accordance with the requirements of the DfE Guidance and advice, parents will be encouraged to contribute, but this is not compulsory.

The school will make no profit from any of these additional activities.