



This statement is an extract from the school's Finance Policy 2013.

POLICY STATEMENT ON CHARGES AND REMISSIONS FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Rationale

The Education Reform Act 1988 requires Governing Bodies to draw up a policy statement in respect of charges and remissions.

Aims

The aim is to ensure that no child is prevented from having full access to activities that support the National Curriculum as a result of their inability to pay.

Broad Guidelines

- The school follows the provisions of the Education Reform Act 1988 in that no charges are made for activities during the school day, whether on or off the premises, directly related to the requirements of the National Curriculum.
- The school invites voluntary contributions from parents in support of non-essential activities that serve to enrich the curriculum or operate as extra-curricular activities (i.e. visiting performers, educational visits, some clubs) whether these take place inside or outside school hours. Only with such contributions can these aspects of the life of the school take place.
- Small shortfalls and surpluses which occur on events such as school trips are covered/absorbed within the amount set aside in the Trips & Visits budget. These small discrepancies usually occur because of pupil absences etc.
- A contribution may be required from parents who have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product of any practical subject e.g. pottery, cakes.
- Where families have difficulty meeting costs in connection with activities defined above they are encouraged to discuss their circumstances with the Head Teacher.

(NB For lettings rates see Appendix 1 of Lettings Policy)