

STATEMENT OF POLICY ON CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The school will apply any charges levied by the Local Authority for services which it provides and also the remission arrangements which the Authority considers appropriate. The school reserves the right to levy a charge in any circumstances permissible under the Education Reform Act.

Voluntary Contributions

Parents may be asked to make voluntary contributions for any visit or journey organised by the school and approved by the governors. Although the matter of a voluntary contribution will not be a factor in deciding whether a student is allowed to participate in an activity to be financed by voluntary contributions, the school reserves the absolute right to determine whether the level of voluntary contributions is sufficient to enable the activity to take place.

Remissions

The governors will apply the statutory minimum remissions to any charges which they make; that is in respect of students whose parents are in receipt of income support or family credit. Any further remission of charges will be at the absolute discretion of the governors.

Breakages

The governors reserve the right to ask parents to contribute to the cost of repair or replacement incurred as a result of breakage or loss or damage to school property, books, materials or equipment, with the exception of normal wear and tear.

Charging in Kind

Where parents indicate in advance that they wish to own the finished product of a practical activity they may be asked to provide or pay for ingredients, materials, equipment etc. needed.

No child will be at a disadvantage because of a parent's unwillingness or inability to contribute in this way.