

LEA ENDOWED C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING POLICY

Under Section 110 of the Education Reform Act 1988, the Governing Body of a school has to have a Charging and Remissions Policy and this information is to be made available to parents.

The Policy of this Governing Body is as follows:-

EDUCATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS

No charge will be made for education or educational activities provided during school hours.

However, the school budget is very limited and the Governors may invite voluntary contributions in support of school funds for certain activities. The Governors wish to make it clear that when such a request for a voluntary contribution is made:-

1. There is no obligation to contribute; and
2. Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made a contribution in response to the request.

The categories of activity where such contributions may be invited are:-

1. School trips – eg. visits to historical sites, zoo, theatre visits etc.

In these cases, it must be realised that these visits will depend on the level of parental support. The Governors delegate to the Headteacher the decision as to the viability of organising a visit after canvassing parents for their wish to make a contribution.

2. Visits made to the school – eg theatrical companies, speakers etc.
3. Material for practical lessons.

In these cases contributions will only be requested where parents indicate in advance a wish to own the finished product.

EDUCATION OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS

The Governors have the right to levy charges for the following activities arranged by the school after individual parents have agreed to the activity and expressed a willingness to pay the charges made:-

1. Optional extras outside school hours or if more than 50% of the period spent on the activity occurs outside school hours – educational visits and/or activities, not required to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or Religious Education, which the school deems fit to organise for the benefit of pupils. The actual cost of such extras for an individual pupil will be charged to parents.
2. Residential visits if the number of school sessions missed by the pupil is less than 50% of the number of half days taken up by the visit. A charge for board and lodging will be made. If the visit is not required for purposes of public examination,
National Curriculum or Religious Education a charge for travelling expenses will also be made. Parents in receipt of Income Support or Family Credit can claim remission for board and lodging charges if the activity forms part of any public examination syllabus or the National Curriculum or Religious Education. In other circumstances, subsidy or remission is at the discretion of the body funding the activity.
3. Individual instrumental music tuition, which is not part of a prescribed public examination syllabus or to fulfil requirements of the National Curriculum.