

School Policy – charges for educational visits/ outings/journeys/items

Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1988, school governors and the LA must publish and keep under review, a policy on charging for some school related activities. We try to keep costs to a minimum to cover transport and tickets or entry to venues.

Voluntary Contributions

Parents/carers may be asked to make voluntary contributions for any educational 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 pupil 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 remission to any charges which they make that is in respect of pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals. Any further remission of charges will be at the absolute discretion of the Governors.

Breakages

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents/carers to contribute towards the cost of replacement items incurred as a result of breakages, loss or damage, books equipment, material other than normal fair wear and tear.

Charging In Kind

Where parents/carers 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/carer's inability to contribute in this way.