

DRAFT SCHOOL CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

INTRODUCTION

This charging and remissions policy complies with statutory requirements, has regard to the Authority's policy statements on charging and is reviewed on an annual basis.

CHARGING POLICY

Activities without charge

There will be no charge for the following activities:

- education provided wholly or mostly during school hours. This includes the supply of any materials, books, instruments, other equipment and also transport provided in school hours to carry pupils between the school and an activity;
- education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum.

Voluntary Contributions

The school may ask for voluntary contributions towards the cost of school-time activities to assist with funding subject to the following conditions:

- any children of parents who do not wish to contribute will not be treated any differently;
- where there are insufficient contributions to make the activity viable then the activity will be cancelled.

Parents are invited to voluntarily contribute to the School Fund. The School Fund covers the cost of planned events such as :

- Christmas/Eid parties
- Gifts for the children
- Cost of baking ingredients
- Visit to museums
- Sporting activities
- Visits to or by a theatre company
- School trips
- Transport
- Snacks

Our children's curriculum is greatly enhanced through providing theatre groups/entertainers and other experiences for the children which may not be possible without the valuable contribution to the School Fund.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we will allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school will pay additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

Chargeable Activities

The school may recover the full costs of the following activities but charges will not exceed actual cost:

- educational or other activities provided wholly or mainly outside school hours which are not:
 - (a) part of the National Curriculum;
 - (b) part of religious education.

Remissions Policy

- There will be no charge for board and lodgings for pupils whose parents are receiving income support, income-based job seekers allowance, family credit or disability working allowance. Charges for other 'chargeable activities' may also be fully or partly remitted. Details of any remission arrangements will be made clear when parents are informed of charges for individual activities.