

Axbridge Church of England First School Academy



Charges and Remissions Policy

Signed:

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Charges for School Activities

The Education Reform Act 1988 clarifies the activities for which charges can be made or voluntary contributions sought.

The Act gives LAs and schools the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours, and the right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of any activity organised by the school whether during or outside school hours.

As from 30 January 2011 the Governors will operate the following policy on charges and contributions for school activities where such activities involve additional expenditure.

Charges

The school may charge in the following circumstances allowed by the Act:

(a) The provision of music tuition given to pupils as individuals or in groups of up to four except where it is given to fulfil:

- statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or
- requirements specified in the syllabus for a public exam.

(b) Ingredients and materials for cooking and CDT (Craft, Design and Technology):

Materials may be charged for, or parents will be required to supply these, if the parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product.

(c) Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours and which are not a statutory part of the National Curriculum: eg outings, visits, cricket coaching, cycling courses.

Charges will be made for all or part of a pupil's travel costs, board and lodging costs, materials and equipment, entrance fees, non-teaching staff costs, any insurance and costs of engaging teaching staff specifically for the activity.

(d) Activities which involve pupils in nights away from home:

Charges will be made for board and lodging. Families in receipt of Free School Meals will be exempt from board and lodging charges.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions will be sought from parents for activities which supplement the normal school curriculum, eg outings and visits which take place wholly or mainly during school hours; visits to the school by theatre groups and other organisations providing an educational service.

Remission

It is the policy of the Governing Body:

- to look to suppress charges for school activities to parents whose child is in receipt of Free School Meals
- to agree how to fund shortfalls for activities.

Income from Donations

From time to time the school will seek voluntary donations for specific purposes. This may be via non-uniform days, sponsorship, etc. It will be made clear at the time of asking that such donations are voluntary and the purpose for which the donations will be used.