

## **A POLICY ON CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Whilst the Governors and Headteacher will at all times observe the relevant laws, voluntary contributions will be sought to support activities which, whilst educationally valuable, could not be supported wholly from school monies.

It has always been the practice to deal sensitively and compassionately with those in genuine financial difficulty, so that no child should be disadvantaged. We shall continue to use discretion with regard to remission of charges, having regard to individual circumstances.

Statutory remissions will apply for pupils who are entitled to free school meals.

In the light of the values of a Church School community the children will also be asked from time to time to volunteer to raise funds for charitable purposes as well as to meet the needs of the school.

As a Voluntary Aided school, Governors are currently responsible for 10% of all capital expenditure. All parents are invited to make an annual donation towards these costs but it is stressed that any such donation is a voluntary contribution and that there is no pressure on parents to donate. Where applicable, parents are asked to make this donation under the Gift Aid scheme so that Governors may recover the tax paid.

### **Charges will be made for:**

#### **1 Examinations**

- a) Activities which incur costs but are not provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination and not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to Religious Education.
- b) Costs of entering a pupil for any examination for which he/she has not been prepared by the school.
- c) The checking of public examination results at parental request.
- d) Recovery of fees for examination re-sits where the school has not recommended or initiated the re-sit.

#### **2 Residential Visits**

- a) Board and lodging on residential visits (apart from any pupil covered by statutory remission).

#### **3 Ingredients**

- a) Ingredients or materials where parents have indicated a wish in advance to own the finished product.

#### **4 Information and Data**

- a) Costs involved in providing a parent with information or data above the legal requirement.

#### **5 Loss or Damage to Buildings or Property**

- a) Full costs incurred in replacing or repairing school buildings or property lost or damaged as a result of a pupil's deliberate behaviour or action.
- b) In the event of accidental damage parents will be requested to make a fair contribution towards the cost of replacement or repair.