

# CHARGING & REMISSIONS POLICY

## **Day Visits, Visitors**

The importance of such events is recognised as a valuable enrichment of the school curriculum. These events are arranged in school time and form an integral part of the curriculum. Charging for such events is not appropriate (Educational Reform Act 1989). However, such events have to be funded in full from parental contributions as they are not funded from school budget resources. Parents are informed of such events and contributions invited before a specified closing date. Where contributions are not sufficient to cover the cost of the venture then it will be cancelled and monies returned.

## **Swimming**

This is an integral part of the National Curriculum, although there is no specific funding for it. This area has traditionally been supported by parental contribution. Where contributions are insufficient they must be met by budget resources to enable all eligible children to participate. Swimming awards are optional and are paid for by parents. The school does not cover this cost.

## **Residential Visits**

In this circumstance, school is acting as agent of a Third Party (ie, the appropriate school travel agent) in collecting charges for such a residential visit.

## **Music Tuition**

Costs associated with individual/group tuition in the playing of musical instruments whether in or out of

school hours will be met by parents.

## **Optional Extra Activities**

Optional extra activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours participation in any such activities is on the basis of parental choice and a willingness to meet such costs.

## **Practical Activities**

The cost in cash or in kind of ingredients and materials needed for a practical subject such as food technology, and design and technology may at times need to be met by parents if they wish to own the finished product.

## **Profit and Loss**

School is not able to make either profit or loss on such events. Costing should be carefully carried out to avoid loss and refunds made where contributions have exceeded costs to the equivalent of more than a pound per pupil. Such amounts will be returned. Losses should be avoided by cancellation wherever possible. If, despite best efforts they do arise, budget resources will cover them.

## **Financial Hardship**

In cases of financial hardship, eg if parents are claiming Income Support, the school, whenever possible, will endeavour to offer support.

