



POLICY ON CHARGING

The Governors welcome the recognition achieved by the school for the quality of the curriculum provided for all pupils.

School Visits

- They also welcome the important enhancement of educational provision through the extensive programme of extra curricular opportunities not least through school visits.
- It is recognised that the majority of these visits are voluntary and offer enhancement to more formal study. They are funded through voluntary contributions to cover costs and may not take place if costs are not covered.
- Governors accept that for some families, especially those on income support, problems may exist in meeting voluntary contribution towards trips. In such cases a confidential letter to the Headteacher may result in financial support from the School Fund at the Headteacher's discretion.
- Letters will be sent home to inform parents of planned visits, of the costs involved and of methods of payment.

Practical Lessons

- Parents may be asked to contribute towards the cost of materials in these lessons, with the end product becoming the property of the parents. In the case of financial difficulty provision will be made from school with the destination of the end product decided by the Headteacher.
- The Governors will follow the declared LEA policy with regard to music tuition and to public examinations.

Damage

- If students are responsible for non-accidental damage to school, they or their parents will be asked to pay for the costs of repair.

Parents are reminded that

The Education Reform Act of 1988 allows charges to be made for the following:-

- Board and lodging on residential visits.
- Costs associated with playing a musical instrument, unless it is required as part of the National Curriculum or for a public examination.
- Activities wholly or mainly outside school hours which are not provided as part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination and are not required to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum, religious and health education.
- Costs for any public examination not prescribed by regulations.