

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

General

- The Governing Body may, from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this Policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of providing education for pupils.

Remissions

- Where the parents of pupil are in receipt of income support, family credit, an income based job seeker's allowance or disability working allowance, the Governing Body will remit in full, the cost of board and lodging for any residential activity that it organises for the pupil, if the activity is deemed to take place within the school hours or is part of the National Curriculum Programmes of Study.
- Remission is limited to charges arising in connection with school trips to outdoor activity centres such as Kingswood.
- Remission is limited to a maximum of one trip per pupil per year.

Headteacher

Chair

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Introduction

The charging provisions of the 1988 Education Reform Act relate to all maintained schools whether L.E.A. or Grant Maintained. The provision of the Act recognise the principle of free school education and also reflect the Government's view that the L.E.A. or the Governing Body should be able to charge parents for optional activities which are provided out of school hours.

School Policy

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that wide range of additional activities, including swimming, trips and residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social development. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

Charges

- No child will be left out of an activity during school hours because his or her parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind.
- The Governing Body may invite parents to make voluntary contributions toward aspects of the school's work e.g. transport in respect of swimming, ingredients and materials for cooking and design.
- The Governing Body reserve the right to charge in full the board and lodging element of residential activities e.g. Kingswood.
- Activities provided wholly or mainly outside normal school hours that are considered to be 'optional extras' and do not form part of the national curriculum will be charged in full. The charge will be based in the actual cost of providing the activity divided by the number of pupils taking part. Any additional funds necessary will be on the basis of voluntary contributions or general fund raising activities.
- Where individual Instrument Tuition is provided by Wrexham County Borough Council no charge will be made. If any other individual Instrumental Tuition is provided an appropriate charge will be made.