

# Whitley Memorial CE First School

## Charges for School Activities

In accordance with Sections 450-461 of the Education Act 1996 the Governing Body makes no charge for education or educational activities provided during school hours as part of the published curriculum. However the Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards the personal and social education of pupils. The Governing Body therefore reserves the right to levy charges for the following activities arranged by the school, which will not exceed the actual cost of the activity.

### 1 **‘Optional Extra’ activities outside school hours**

The full cost for activities, including residential visits, which take place out of school hours may be charged to parents provided that they are not a necessary part of the National Curriculum or Religious Education syllabus. In fixing the charge the school will take account of the cost for travel, lodging and activities.

### 2 **Residential visits partly or fully during school hours**

No charge will be made for such visits other than board and travel costs. The governors recognise that they will provide full remission from the charge for board and lodging to pupils whose families are in receipt of the following:

- Income support
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, where the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and whose annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16190.
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

### 3 **Instrumental Tuition**

If pupils make use of an instrument provided by the school or the authority a charge will be made in respect of the maintenance of the instrument, in accordance with the published scale of charges. A charge will also be made in respect of the cost of tuition with an abatement for those eligible for pupil premium funding.

### 4 **Visits in support of the curriculum which are desirable but not essential**

The Governing Body recognises that the school may wish to offer opportunities for pupils to broaden the range of experience in connection with certain curriculum areas, during school hours. Such opportunities might comprise an educational visit to an historic site, a theatre visit, work in an art gallery or museum or use of swimming pools.

The Governing Body's policy is to invite voluntary contributions from parents to either cover or subsidise the cost of these activities in accordance with section 460 of the 1996 Act.

Contributions will not be expected from parents of children eligible for pupil premium funding.

Parents, however, will be made aware that the viability of such visits is dependent on the level of financial support received.

Decisions in this matter are delegated to the Headteacher.

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