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1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities, including school visits, residential experiences and clubs, can make towards all aspects of pupils' education. The Governing Body accordingly wishes to promote and provide such activities as far as possible as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the benefit of pupils of the school.

2. CHARGES

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge for the following activities which may from time to time be organised by the school. Any remission arrangements for such activities will be at the discretion of the Governing Body *except* in the circumstances defined in Section 3 below.

- **Residential Activities held during school hours:**

Charges may be made for the board and lodging element of those residential activities which take place during school hours. Parents will be notified in advance of any such activities which the school proposes to organise and the estimated cost. Parental consent will be obtained for their children's participation in any such activities for which a charge may be made. Any charge for a particular activity will be calculated by reference to the actual cost of providing the board and lodging for each pupil; other costs will be covered by the charge.

- **Activities held outside school hours:**

The school will endeavour to provide a range of such activities from time to time. These will sometimes include day and residential experiences, and are known generally as 'optional extras'. Charges may be made for these activities *except*

- where they are provided to fulfil any requirements specified in the syllabus of a prescribed public examination or

- where they are required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education.

In these cases, activities will not be regarded as optional extras as such and charges cannot be made. (Board and lodging charges may still however be made for any residential activities subject to Section 3 below.) Parents will be notified in advance of any 'optional extras' which the school proposes to organise and the estimated cost. Parental consent will be obtained if their children are to participate in any activities for which a charge may be made. Any charge for a particular activity will be dependent upon the type of activity and its cost and the number of participants. This charge will not exceed the actual cost of providing the activity, divided equally by the number of pupils

willing to participate. The cost of other pupils participating in the visit will not be included in the charge. The charge may however include an appropriate element for such things as:

- (a) pupil travel costs
- (b) pupil board and lodging costs
- (c) materials, books, instruments and other equipment
- (d) non-teaching staff costs;
- (e) venue entrance fees
- (f) insurance costs
- (g) expenses only of participating teachers engaged on a separate contract for services to provide the 'optional extra'.
- (h) Materials and Ingredients

A charge will only be made for any materials and ingredients relating to activities taking place during school hours where parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product, e.g. in home economics or CDT. Alternatively parents may, in these circumstances, be asked to volunteer to provide the ingredients and materials prior to the activity taking place.

3. REMISSIONS

Where the parents of a pupil are in receipt of Income Support, the Governing Body will remit in full the cost of board and lodging for any residential activity the school organises for the pupil if the activity:

- (a) takes place within school hours, or
- (b) forms part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or fulfils statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or religious education, irrespective of whether the activity takes place within or outside school hours.

Any other remission arrangements for a particular activity or pupil will be entirely at the discretion of the School Governing Body. Any subsidy provided by the Governing Body will be met from school funds.

4. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

This policy will not preclude the Governing Body from seeking voluntary contributions from parents for the benefit of the school or in support of any school activity, whether during or outside school hours. Any contributions sought will be entirely voluntary and pupils will not be treated differently. Irrespective of whether or not their parents have made a contribution.

4. BREAKAGES AND DAMAGE TO SCHOOL PROPERTY

The School Governing Body reserves the right to seek reparation from parents where their children cause breakages or damage to school property.