

# Charging and Remissions Policy



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## **Charging and Remissions Policy**

In accordance with Section 110 of the Education Reform Act, 1988, the school is required to determine a policy in respect of charging and remitting the charges for optional extras. The following policies are proposed:

### **Charging Policy**

Parents or pupils at the school may be invited to pay the cost of any optional extras provided by the school which fall within Section 109 (1) of the Education Reform Act, 1988. These activities will usually occur outside school hours.

### **Remissions Policy**

In the event of the Head Teacher being satisfied that paying for a charged optional extra will present difficulties for the parents or carers concerned, or for other good reason, the school may remit part or all of the cost, and may meet, in whole or part, any charge payable to the local education authority in accordance with the authority's relevant charging policy. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the school will remit the full cost of charges otherwise payable in respect of board and lodging provided for a pupil on a residential trip if:-

- a) the education provided on the trip is education in respect of which by virtue of Section 106 of the Education Reform Act, 1988, no charge may be made,  
and
- b) his/her parents are in receipt of income support or family credit in respect of any period wholly or partly comprised in the time spent on the trip.

Parents / carers are only ever asked to contribute to the cost of any activity. Some contribute the whole cost; some contribute a proportion, and some pay nothing. No child will ever be banned from any activity because they cannot pay. The school will always cover the cost of an activity when parents/carers are unable to pay.