

## **POLICY ON CHARGING FOR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Any charges levied by the School will be in accordance with the requirements of the Education Act 1996. The school Governors support the general ideology of the Act, in particular the principle that charges should not prevent pupils from taking advantage of curricular opportunities.

### **1. THE FULLCHARGE WILL BE LEVIED (by the School or the Authority) ON PUPILS' PARENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

(i) Raw materials for subjects such as Technology, Art and Catering, where the parents have stated that they wish to keep the finished product.

(ii) Examination fees:

a) where the pupil has NOT been prepared for the examination at the school;

b) where the school does not recommend that a pupil needs to re-sit an examination;

c) where the pupil has failed without good reason to complete the course;

d) where the pupil fails to attend an examination (without good reason).

(iii) All activities that take place outside school hours unless they are necessary in relation to external examinations, the National Curriculum, or the statutory requirements for religious education.

(iv) Board and lodging costs for residential activities organised by the school or the Education Authority.

(v) Transport costs from the home to a work experience location (except in the case of pupils who are entitled to free school meals).

### **2. THE SCHOOL, OR THE AUTHORITY, WILL LEVY A PARTIAL CHARGE FOR:**

(i) Musical instrument tuition (in accordance with the school plan);

(ii) Damage to school windows, doors or fittings, or on the buses resulting from pupils' misbehaviour;

(iii) Damage to textbooks or educational equipment resulting from pupils' misbehaviour.

### **3. NO CHARGE WILL BE LEVIED FOR:**

(i) Board and lodging of pupils attending residential field courses associated with external examinations or the National Curriculum.

4. Schools are no longer allowed to charge for optional activities during school hours, but in order to ensure that such activities continue we may ask for voluntary contributions from parents. No pupil should fail to take advantage of opportunities/visits due to his/her inability to pay.