



# Charging Policy

## Types of Parental Financial Support

Parental financial contributions for school activities can be:

1. A **charge** to cover the cost for optional activities additional to the curriculum e.g. extra-curricular activities.
2. A **voluntary contribution** towards the cost of an activity that is held during the school day, which is part of the curriculum, e.g. school trips and special events.

## General Policy Statement

The school reserves the right to charge in any circumstances permissible under the Education Reform Act 1988.

Whenever charges are made, they will be in accordance with the current guidelines of the Hampshire Education Authority and will also follow the guidelines of that Authority in certain defined situations of financial difficulty. No child will be prevented from taking part in a visit because of the inability to pay. The Governors have a commitment to use Pupil Premium monies to support vulnerable children. Any parents who experience any difficulties in providing the cost of a visit should contact the Headteacher to discuss the situation in the strictest confidence and to agree appropriate arrangements. If, however, a substantial number of parents are unable to make voluntary contributions it may be necessary to cancel the visit. The Governors review the overall impact of any shortfall to the school budget on a termly basis.