



### **Introduction**

This charging policy has been compiled in line with DfES requirements and in accordance with s457 of the Education Act, 1996.

### **Materials & Textbooks**

The school will provide materials for all activities without charge.

### **Music Tuition**

There will be a charge levied for private music tuition. This will be arranged directly between parent and tutor.

### **Activities Outside School Hours**

A charge will be made for some activities outside school hours to cover the cost of running the provision.

### **Damage/Loss to Property**

A charge will be levied in respect of wilful damage, neglect or loss of school property (including premises, furniture, equipment, books or materials); the charge to be the cost of replacement or repair, or such lower cost as the Headteacher may decide.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

Where the school cannot levy charges, and it is not possible to make these additional activities within the resources ordinarily available to the school, the school may request or invite parents/carers to make a contribution towards the cost of an event or trip. Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request or invitation. However, where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make an activity possible, the event or trip will be cancelled.

### **Residential Trips**

Parents/carers are asked to pay the full cost of their own child for residential trips and the school will do everything possible to ensure the costs are competitive and fair. If a family cannot afford this, however, a child will not be left behind and the school will direct appropriate funding to ensure all the children have the same opportunities.

### **Lettings**

N/A

### **Other charges**

The Head teacher or Governing Body may levy charges for miscellaneous services up to the cost of providing such services e.g. for providing a copy of an OFSTED report.

### **Remissions Policy**

The Head teacher or Governing Body may remit in full or part charges in respect of a pupil, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances. The Head teacher or Governing Body may decide not to levy charges in respect of a particular activity, if it feels it is reasonable in the circumstances.