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Principles

We are committed to a free school education for all.

We Aim To:

- Ensure that education in school is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.
- Ensure that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal school teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- Ensure that there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education but the school has the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
- Ensure that the school has the right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of activities organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

Practices

With the aforementioned aims in mind, it is the Policy of the school:

- To continue to request voluntary contributions from parents towards activities organised by the school during school hours.
- Subsidies may be available for children whose parents are unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution.
- If insufficient voluntary contributions are forthcoming for an activity and insufficient subsidies are available, then that activity may be cancelled.
- The school may charge for the cost of ingredients, materials and equipment where parents have expressed the wish to have the finished product.
- The school may make charges for breakages and damage to property including window breakage and cost for graffiti removal.
- The school may charge for lost school property i.e. books.
- Music Tuition – The school will charge for individual or group tuition in playing a musical instrument which is neither part of the syllabus for an approved public examination, nor part of the National Curriculum.
- Remission will not apply to such charges when they relate to activities wholly outside school hours, except if the activity is prescribed in a syllabus for a public examination, if it is prescribed by the National Curriculum or fulfils duties relating to Religious Education.

Signed by

Chair/Vice Chair of Governors _____ Date: _____

Head Teacher _____ Date: _____

Agreed at the Governing Body Meeting on: _____