



## Colerne Church of England Primary School

### Charging Policy

#### Introduction

1. The school wishes to provide for all pupils the best possible educational opportunities available within the funds allocated by the Local Authority. The law states very clearly that education during normal school hours is to be free of any compulsory charge to parents and the school warmly endorses that principle and is committed to uphold the legal requirements.
2. It is recognised, however, that many educationally valuable activities have been and will continue to be, dependent on financial contributions in whole or in part from parents. Without their financial support, the school would find it quite impossible to provide the rich quality and breadth of the educational programme we would like for our pupils. The school's concern is to keep financial contributions to a reasonable minimum and to ensure that as far as possible all children are able to take part irrespective of circumstances.

#### General Principle

3. The school is committed to ensuring that no child is prevented from taking part in a Day Visit or participating in a Residential Visit because of financial or personal situations. Charges can be waived or reduced for children, at the Headteacher's discretion following discussions between the Headteacher and parents.

#### Day Visits

4. For visits occurring during school time the school will invite a voluntary contribution from parents to meet costs. For visits outside school time parents will be charged for all allowable costs. Charges can be waived or reduced for children in accordance with the General principle set out above.

'Be a light for all to see' Matthew 5:6

## **Residential Visits**

### **Residential Visits during School Time**

5. The school will invite voluntary contributions from parents to meet costs other than children's board and lodging. Charges can be waived or reduced for children in accordance with the General principle set out above.

### **Residential Visits Outside School Time**

6. Parents will be charged for the full cost of the visit, including all allowable costs and board and lodging. Charges can be waived or reduced for children in accordance with the General principle set out above.

### **Any Visit Required Because Of Recognised Public Examinations, The National Curriculum Or The Law On Religious Education**

7. As above

### **Instrumental Music on an Individual Basis**

8. All instrumental tuition will be a private arrangement between the parent and the tutor.

### **Classroom Materials**

9. No charge will be made for materials or equipment. However, for certain practical activities (Technology, Cookery etc) parents may be invited to provide materials or ingredients on a voluntary basis.
10. In very rare circumstances a child may cause wilful damage to property or equipment. If this is the case the Headteacher will discuss with the parents' appropriate financial compensation to repair or replace the property or item.

## Review History

Policy Issue	Date Policy Reviewed	Revisions Agreed	Date Revised Policy Agreed	Date of Next Review
1.0	January 2009	Policy issued and adopted.	January 2009	January 2012
1.1	January 2012	Policy reviewed and no changes made.	January 2012	January 2015
1.2	March 2015	Policy reviewed and changes inserted	January 2015	January 2018
1.3	January 2018	Policy reviewed and changes inserted	January 2018	January 2021
1.4	January 2021	Policy reviewed and no changes made	January 2022	January 2023
1.5	March 2023	Policy reviewed and no changes made		January 2024
1.6	September 2023	No changes made	Sept 23	Sept 24
1.7	September 2024	No changes made	September 2024	September 2025
1.8	September 2025	No changes made	September 2025	September 2026

Signed ..... Chair of Governors

Signed ..... Headteacher

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