



GOVERNORS' CHARGES AND REMISSION POLICY

1. Section 106 of the Education Reform Act 1988 confirms the principle that education provided by any maintained school for its registered pupils should be free of charge if it takes place during school hours.
2. The school may charge for optional extras, e.g. guitar tuition, as defined under the Act. The school may remit charges where these would result in a parent paying for more than two children on a single occasion.
3. Parents should be informed that they need not pay for some outings and visits if they are receiving Income Support or Family Credit.
4. The School may charge for ingredients or DT models, provided that the requirements of the law are met, if parents have indicated in advance a wish to have the finished product.
5. The School may seek voluntary contributions for outings and visits, including school journeys, provided that the requirements of the law are met.

A COPY OF THE EDUCATION REFORM ACT 1988 IS KEPT IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR THE USE OF PARENTS.

The following wording in letters seeking parents' permission for a child to accompany a visit is permissible under the law :

“ The School wish to undertake (activity) at (date) for (pupils). The activity can, however, only go ahead if the parents are prepared to contribute to school funds the sum of £---- per child. It is entirely up to you whether you do contribute or not, but I must emphasize that if all parents involved do not contribute this sum, the activity could be cancelled for all the children.”

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