



## **CHARGING AND REMISSION POLICY**

In general, Local Board Members believe that parents will be invited to make voluntary contributions to many activities, in order that these activities are able to continue.

### **Charging Policy**

Local Board Members envisage that some educational activities, which could be considered chargeable, and which occur during the school day on the school premises, will remain free, for example:

- \* Craftwork
- \* Cooking

However, it may be that parents will be invited to donate some cooking materials or that children will sell, at a nominal fee, their produce, as part of a mini enterprise. Local Board Members do not consider that this requires any other statement, under the Education Reform Act, except to say that they approve of such initiatives. If any request is made to parents of this kind, it will remain completely voluntary.

Occasionally, Local Board Members anticipate that a mobile theatre will play, or similar visitor(s) may be invited to come to school. Parents will be invited to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost and/or the Parent Teacher Association or School may supplement the charge, wholly or partly.

Similarly, if children visit the theatre, cinema, leisure centre, etc, as part of their activities, parents will be invited to make voluntary contributions towards the cost, and/or the Parent Teacher Association or School may supplement the charge, wholly or partly.

In the case of class visits, during or mainly in school time, to a venue out of school, which occurs as a direct result of children following a line of enquiry within the classroom or sporting activity (including swimming), parents will be invited to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of transport, admission, etc, and/or the Parent Teacher Association or School may supplement the charge, wholly or partly.

If a visit occurs mainly or wholly out of school time the Local Board Members anticipate that parents will be charged for the full cost; because no occasion can be envisaged when education outside school will be:

- To fulfil any requirement specified in a syllabus for a public examination.
- Specifically to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum.
- Specifically to fulfil statutory duties relating to religious education.

However, it should be noted that if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, a trip or visit might be cancelled.

