

# WHITLEY CHAPEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND CE FIRST SCHOOL

## WHOLE SCHOOL POLICY

### CHARGES FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

#### RATIONALE

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The charging and remissions policy for this school complies with the Department for Education document “Charging for School Activities” as revised at October 2014. The web link at the foot of this page will guide you to the full Word document:

#### PROCEDURE IN BRIEF

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No charges will be made for educational activities including materials, books, instruments that take place during school hours from 9 am to 3.15 pm, such as educational visits and transport for swimming, but the school will be grateful for any voluntary contributions.

No child will be excluded from any activity in school hours if no voluntary contribution has been made, although activities may need to be cancelled if insufficient contributions have been made to cover costs.

Certain activities come under the heading of ‘Optional extras’. These are activities such as after school clubs or music lessons, which are not part of the National Curriculum, and where parents have a choice whether or not their children take part. In this case, the school is permitted to cover the full cost of the activities, such as the cost of coaches, through charging parents, but NOT to make a profit.

The school is permitted to charge for Residential visits, even though some of the activities take place during school hours. The charges are to cover the cost of food and accommodation, and for the services of specialist coaches for Outdoor and Adventurous activities.

School is not permitted to charge parents who are receiving Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit, State Pension Credit or any income related employment and support allowances. Parents need to inform school if this relates to them.

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