

CHARGING POLICY

The Education Reform Act 1988 introduced new regulations for charging for school activities. Education provided wholly or mainly during school hours is free. However charges may be made where:

- a) ingredients or materials used in practical subjects result in products that will be kept by pupils;
- b) individual instrumental music tuition is offered (unless it is part of the National Curriculum);
- c) board and lodging is required as part of a residential trip.

Some activities may only be possible if parents make a voluntary contribution. Where this is the case parents will be informed:

- a) before the activity takes place;
- b) that the contribution is voluntary and that there is no legal obligation to pay;
- c) that because the activity is funded on voluntary contributions it may not take place if insufficient money is raised.