



Ashton St. Peter's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

Charges and Remission Policy

Ratified in October 2016

Update in October 2017

Under section 110 of the Education Reform Act 1988 the Governing body is required to determine policy for making charges for school activities which are permitted by section 109 of the Act (its charging policy).

The Act confirms the principle that education provided by any maintained school for its pupils should be free of charge, provided that such education takes place during school hours.

Under the Act, therefore, all education provided during school hours for pupils at Ashton St. Peter's Primary School will be by voluntary donation. This includes visits to the school by external organisations and education which takes place away from the school premises, together with the cost of any transport required to take the children to and from their destination.

The Governors recognise the benefits of enabling pupils to gain a wider appreciation of certain topics, and that this may involve both receiving visitors in the school and arranging field trips.

Financial pressures, however, often mean that it can be difficult to fund such activities from the school budget. Because of this it is the policy of the Governors that each activity will be costed and that parents will be requested to make a voluntary contribution. No child will be excluded from any activity if his or her parents have not made a contribution, but the activity will only be arranged if a combination of parent contributions and any funding which may be available from the school budget, is sufficient to cover the costs involved. It is not intended that requesting contributions for any such activities will result in a profit and any surplus will be added to school funds for future visits, etc.

Visits will only be arranged where considered by the teaching staff to be either necessary or highly desirable, and every attempt will be made to keep costs to a minimum.

Where education takes place outside school hours which is not required to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or Religious Education, such

education is defined as an 'optional extra' and may be charged for. It is the policy of the Governors that each activity will be costed and that parents will be requested to make voluntary contributions. No child will be excluded from any activity if his or her parents have not made a contribution, but the activity will only be arranged if a combination of parent contributions and any funding which may be available from the school budget is sufficient to cover the cost involved.

Pupil Premium monies will be used to support those children in receipt of the grant as required.

Review Procedures

The School's policy will be reviewed when:

- Annually October 2017
- The School wishes to review the policy.
- If amendments are required by the LA

Ratified by:

Date: October 2016

Chair of Governors