



Wendron Church of England VA Primary School

Charging Policy

Created: May 03 Amended: Nov 07

Reviewed: Apr 17 Next Review: Apr 19

Rationale:

The purpose of this policy is to state as clearly as possible the governors' policy on charging for school activities. This policy is drawn up in the light of the requirements of section 457 of the Education Act 1996 as amended by section 200 of the Education Act 2000.

Underlying principles:

1. Education in Wendron School should be free.
2. No child should be excluded from activities held in normal school hours because of parents' inability or willingness to meet the cost.
3. Many optional/out of hours activities will be available for which there is no charge.
4. Materials used for activities in school hours will be provided at no charge.

Voluntary contributions:

Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution each term to the "visits fund". This money is banked in a private fund account and is non-assigned to assist in the claim of gift aid. It is used to pay for all non-residential educational visits and the provision of swimming lessons for the entire school.

After discussion with the school association, parents receive an initial letter each year, reminders in the newsletter and two statements of account. Parents of children in receipt of free school meals receive only the initial letter. Whilst an amount is suggested, it is made clear that this is a guide and anything will be gratefully received.

Individual Music lessons:

Where tuition is provided by external agencies or peripatetic teachers, a charge will be made for these lessons. As far as possible, those children receiving free school meals will not be charged, although they may be asked to pay for music, etc.

Workshops and visits from Theatre groups, etc:

There will be no charge for these and costs will be met from Private Funds.

Residential Visit:

There will be a charge for the annual residential visit for children in years 5 and 6. Non payment may have an impact on the viability of the visit. Parents of children receiving free school meals will be asked to pay a contribution for the visit and any parent who is concerned about finance will be



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invited to discuss the matter with the headteacher. Instalment payments will be accepted and payment cards made available.

Breakages and damage to school property:

A charge will be made if the damage is the result of direct disobedience, misbehaviour or malice. Purely accidental damage will not be charged for but if parents/children wish to make a contribution it will be welcomed.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

This policy and its effectiveness will be reviewed by the Headteacher and the Governing Body.

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Headteacher: Mr Richard Lawrence

On behalf of Governors:

Date: