

# Bankwood Community Primary School

Encouraging pride, progress and responsibility

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## **POLICY FOR CHARGING AND REMISSION FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Aim: To follow the basic principle - that education should be free of charge if it takes place during school hours.

### **Musical Instrument Tuition**

There is an exception to the rule about not charging for activities in school hours. Charges will be made for teaching either an individual pupil, or pupils in a group of up to four, to play a musical instrument.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

Although we do not charge for most of our school-time activities, we invite parents to make a contribution (in cash or in kind) to make school funds go further. No pupil will be left out of an activity because his/her parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind. It may be necessary to state that future activities will not take place if parental support through contributions is inadequate. Contributions are however, genuinely voluntary. When we request contributions we will make clear that:

- a) there is no obligation to contribute; and
- b) that registered pupils at the school will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request.

We will always request a contribution which covers only the cost of one child's participation i.e. travel, entry, tuition, board and lodging. No child subsidises any other child. If for any reason a parent is unable to make a full contribution a partial contribution is welcome.

### **Residential Activities**

Although we are able to charge for some elements of residential trips, we operate them on a voluntary contribution basis.

### **Remission**

Parents who have contributed voluntarily will be offered a refund if their child is unable to take part in the trip through illness.

This policy on charging pupils and remission was drawn up in accordance with the LEA's policy and the requirements of Section 110 of the Education Reform Act 1988.

### **Payment for damaged School Property**

If a child deliberately or carelessly damages or loses school property, the family will be asked to make a contribution towards the costs of repair or replacement.

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.