



# Charging and Remission Policy

## Rationale

The Education Reform Act 1988 set out the law on charging in County Schools.

In summary, it states that no charges shall be made in respect of the education provided in schools. This includes visits by, for example, theatre groups and musicians, school visits, school camps and exchanges, music lessons etc.

## Aims

The act does however allow for voluntary contributions to be made providing the terms of any request for contributing make it clear that:

- there is no obligation to contribute.
- pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents are willing to contribute.
- in cases of hardship the head may be able to arrange help with contributions (in confidence).

We believe that visits outside school and occasional visitors in school (such as drama and music presentations) are an invaluable part of the education we seek to provide.

It is impossible to meet the cost of these from the school fund.

We therefore propose to continue our usual programme of events and ask parents to make a voluntary contribution to the cost. Contributions would include an element to cover the cost of accompanying adults, but not the cost of those pupils whose parents /guardians are unwilling to pay. Parent pay is available as a method of payment at Worle Village Primary.

Requests to parents will make it clear that should insufficient money be raised for a particular event it will be cancelled.

When a parent has paid for an event that their child does not attend a refund of money paid will not automatically be given. Cases will be assessed on individual merit and where deemed to be a bona fide reason why the child was unable to attend a refund/part refund would be given. A part refund would be paid in the event that a performance/event had had to be paid for in advance to secure the booking.

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