



Charging and Remission Statement

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GOVERNING BODY OF BROSELEY C.E. SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

The Education Act 1996 requires the Governing Body to:-

“determine and keep under review a policy with respect to the provision of, and the classes or descriptions of cases in which they propose to make charges for, any optional extra or board and lodging in respect of which charges are permitted by Section 455 ...”

The governing body have noted that the Education Act 1996 allows charges to be made in the following areas:-

Optional Extras	Activities not related to the National Curriculum or to prescribed public examinations or to fulfil duties relating to religious education taking place out of school time.
Individual Instrumental Tuition	Individual instrumental tuition not related to the National Curriculum or to prescribed public examinations.
Materials used in Craft Subjects	Subject to the parents having agreed in advance they wish to own the finished product.
Examination Entry Fees	Public examinations not prescribed in regulations. Prescribed public examinations where the pupil has not been prepared by the school. Resits or prescribed public examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school.

The Education Act 1996 does not debar voluntary contributions being made by parents.

The governing body would wish to try and ensure that the level of visits and activities established at the school continue but emphasise to parents that this can only happen with their full support and that activities will either be substantially reduced or cease altogether if parents are not prepared to contribute voluntarily.

4 The governing body notes that the Education Act 1996 prescribes:-

- that no charges may be levied for school activities taking place or deemed to take place in school time;
- that voluntary contributions must be genuinely voluntary;
- that there is no obligation on parents to contribute; and

- that pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contributions.

The governing body recognises that * in general, participation in all trips and visits is voluntary and notwithstanding the charging requirement parents have the right, for whatever other reasons, to choose that their children not participate.

* Should participation in any trip be essential for the fulfilling of the school's duties relates to the National Curriculum, public examinations or the provision of religious education, parents will be so informed on the occasion of each trip. In these cases, the full cost of the trip will be met by the school, less any voluntary contribution parents may be prepared to make.

5 The Charging and Remissions Policy for Broseley C.E. School will, for the time being, be as follows:-

- 5.1 The governors reserve the right to make charges where the law allows and as set out in (2) above.
- 5.2 Individual instrumental tuition able to be accommodated at the wishes of parents will be on the understanding that parents meet the full costs involved.
- 5.3 From time to time it may be possible for the costs of trips and activities to be subsidised either wholly or in part from private school funds. Parents will be so informed when these occasions arise.
- 5.4 The governing body notes that the LA will no longer fund board and lodging remission costs for "in school time" courses at the Arthog Outdoor Education Centre.

6 This policy statement will be kept under review.