



1. The Governors state the principle that education at the School is provided free of charge. The Education Reform Act requires Governors to provide a policy statement concerning the implementation of the provisions of the Act and charges or the remission of charges.

Charging

2. Any activity which forms part of the recognised requirements for any syllabus, including examinations, will be provided free of charge to all pupils.
3. Charges will be made for activities organised for pupils outside school hours, including residential experiences. The exception to this will be activities required as part of preparation for a public examination or fulfilling statutory duties related to the National Curriculum or Religious Education. The charge made will only cover the cost of the activity for each individual pupil with no extra subsidy.
4. Some activities may be arranged during school hours, for which voluntary contributions may be sought from parents or pupils who wish to take part. If contributions do not cover the cost of arranging the activity, it may well be cancelled. Failure to contribute by a pupil or parents would not in itself preclude the pupil from taking part.
5. Some activities arranged by the School may not fall neatly into either inside or outside school time. Any activity occurring during less than half the school session is deemed to be outside school time for which a charge can be made.
6. A charge may be made for materials used in various subjects in the curriculum only if parents have expressed a prior wish to have the finished product. The charge will equal the cost of replacement materials.
7. Individual pupils receiving music tuition outside the curriculum will be charged per pupil, per term. Any music tuition within the curriculum is free.
8. A charge may be raised for replacement of school equipment broken, damaged or lost by a pupil, due to the pupil not obeying school regulations or instructions.

Remission

9. Residential activities organised within school time will have a remission of charges relating to board and lodging for parents in receipt of Universal Credit.

Signed **Chair of Local CAST Board**