Broomhaugh C of E First School
Charging and Remissions Policy

Rationale
In accordance with sections 450-461 of the Education Act 1996, the Governing Body make no charge for education or educational activities provided during school hours as part of the published curriculum. However, the Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards the personal and social education of pupils. The Governing Body therefore reserve the right to levy charges for the following activities arranged by school which will not exceed the actual cost of the activity.

Residential Courses
The full cost for activities including residential visits which take place beyond school hours will be charged to parents. The charge will be made for the actual cost of board and lodgings, travel and insurance.

The Governors may provide remission from the charge for board and lodgings to pupils whose families are in receipt of Income Support, Family Credit, Disability Working Allowance or Jobseekers Allowance.

Music
If pupils make use of an instrument provided by the school or the Local Authority a charge maybe made in respect of the maintenance of the instrument in accordance with the LA published scale of charges. A charge may be made in respect of the cost of tuition for small group or individuals though curriculum whole class tuition will not be charged.

Educational Visits
The Governing Body recognises the importance for pupils in having access to a breadth of experiences and opportunities to enrich and support the curriculum. For example, visits to art galleries, museums, theatre trips, swimming etc.

These visits could be described as desirable but not essential and as such a voluntary contribution is requested from parents. No child will be discriminated against where parents cannot or choose not to pay. All children will have equal access to trips, visits and swimming lessons.

Where there are not enough voluntary contributions and there is no way to make up the shortfall (e.g. Fundraising/School Fund) then an activity may have to be cancelled.