

BROOMHAUGH C E AIDED FIRST SCHOOL

Charges for School Activities Policy

In accordance with Sections 450 – 461 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 the school which will not exceed the actual cost of the activity.

Optional Extra Activities Outside School Hours

The full cost for activities, including residential visits which take place out of school hours may be charged to parents. In fixing the charge, the school may

- take account of the costs for travel, board and lodging for supervising staff.
- No charge will be made for payments to teachers who accompany such visits.

Residential Visits Partly or Fully During School Hours

No charge will be made for such visits, other than board and lodging charges.

The Governors recognise that full remission from the charge for board and lodging is available to pupils whose families are in receipt of Income Support, Child Tax Credit, Disability Working Allowance or income based Jobseekers Allowance.

Musical Instruments

If pupils make use of an instrument provided by the Authority, a charge will be made in respect of the maintenance and hire of the instrument. A charge will also be made in respect of tuition.

Materials for Practical Lessons

Voluntary contributions or provision of goods in kind may be requested from parents for materials for practical lessons (D.T. Food Technology or other subject areas as the Governing Body may from time to time determine).

Activities in School and Visits in support of the curriculum which are desirable but not essential

The Governing Body recognises that the school may wish to offer opportunities for pupils to broaden the range of experience in connection with certain curriculum areas during school hours. Such opportunities might comprise: visits from theatre groups, science workshops, an educational visit to an historical site, a theatre visit, work in an art gallery or museum, or the use of swimming pools.

The Governing Body's policy is to encourage the school to work jointly with parents in this respect, and invite voluntary contributions from parents, either generally to school funds or specifically for certain activities, in accordance with Section 460 of the 1996 Act.

In encouraging such co-operation the Governing Body is anxious to ensure that parents are made aware that any such contributions are voluntary and that pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution.

The Governing Body recognises that the viability of visits in support of the curriculum which are desirable but not essential, depends upon the level of voluntary financial support received from parents and delegate to the headteacher responsibility for decisions in relation to the viability of such visits.

The Governing Body may, from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which charges can be made.