

# HORTON CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Sharing Exploring Caring Learning*

**Horton CE VA Primary School is a church school where the core Christian values of forgiveness, compassion, honesty, and respect permeate throughout all aspects of school life. These are the values we teach and encourage the children to demonstrate and the values we expect to see demonstrated in all aspects of the wider school community.**

## Charging and Remissions Policy July 2017

Start Date	July 2017
Review Date	July 2018
Headteachers Signature	
Chair of Governors Signature	
Date ratified by Full Governing Body under Minute Number	

## **RATIONALE**

Under the Education Reform Act, 1988: Charges for school activities from 1st April, 1989: Schools will no longer be able to charge parents for any activity taking place wholly or mainly during school hours. However, these restrictions do not in any way prohibit schools from seeking voluntary contributions.

## **AIMS**

To establish that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal teaching time should be available to all pupils, regardless of the willingness or ability of their parents to help meet the cost

## **BROAD GUIDELINES**

### **1. School trips**

Details about all trips not requiring individual permission forms will be included in the school newsletter and on the school website. This will include times and transport details.

Voluntary contributions towards the cost of the trip will be asked for. These will be calculated in such a way that they broadly cover the cost of the trip. Insurance for normal school visits is covered by the School's arrangement with the LA.

If any parent is unable or unwilling to pay all or part of the cost involved, this will in no way prevent the child or children from participating.

If few or no parents volunteer to pay, it may mean that the trip will not take place and any monies pre-paid will be refunded. If the situation is repeated, the whole question of school visits may have to be reviewed.

Discretion will be exercised by the staff regarding families with more than two children regarding payment.

Notice of the intent of these procedures will be published on notice boards and in the school prospectus.

The cost of longer activities - school camp - is covered by different legislation and this will always be addressed as a separate issue to the parents concerned.

### **2. Swimming**

Swimming is paid for by parents, who will be asked for entry fees to the pool and the cost of coach fare for YR – Y4 children and it is hoped that voluntary contributions will be made. If not, it may mean cancellation of swimming for all pupils.

### **3. Provision of materials**

Parents cannot be expected to supply materials, books, instruments or other equipment for use during school hours, but they may be invited to provide items in order to release the school budget for other purposes.

Parents may be asked to make a contribution towards the cost of cookery or craft items if items are to be taken home. Any such contributions will be purely voluntary and no child will be excluded from any activity on the grounds of non-payment.

The law regarding equipment does not apply to clothing. Parents will be expected to provide suitable clothing for swimming and suitable clothing and footwear for physical education. Children may be excluded if it is deemed that these are not suitable or if what they are wearing constitutes a safety hazard.

### **CONCLUSION**

This policy has been approved by the staff and governors of the school and will be used in conjunction with other school policies.