

Worcesters Primary School



# **Charging Policy**

**May 2017**

This Charging Policy informs staff and parents about charging for School activities. It conforms to the requirements in the guidance provided.

**In accordance with these guidelines Worcesters Primary School:**

Will not charge for books, materials, equipment and instruction in connection with the National Curriculum or Statutory Religious Education taught at school, except where parents have indicated in advance their wish to purchase the product.

Will not charge for any activities which take place in School time, apart from instrumental tuition for individual pupils or pupils in groups of up to four.

May charge for School-Time activities by inviting parents and others to make voluntary contributions to enable School funds to go further. Children of parents who do not contribute will not be treated differently from those who do make contributions.

Will have the right to cancel an activity if there are insufficient voluntary contributions to make the activity possible.

**Residential educational visits**

If residential trips are to take place then parents will be asked to contribute towards the total cost for board and lodgings and a voluntary contribution towards travel. Parents may be entitled to claim support to meet the financial costs if they are in receipt of certain benefits. Further advice can be obtained if you feel this may be the case. The school will always endeavour to seek out the best possible prices to ensure we are providing good value for money. The school always obtains a range of coaching costs as part of this process.

The school will permit organisations to charge parents when such an organisation is acting independently of the School or the Local Authority to arrange an activity to take place during school hours and parents want their children to join in the activity. This will apply to both after school and school holiday provision.

The school may charge for activities (optional extras), which happen outside School hours when these activities are not necessarily part of the National Curriculum.

Parents are asked to make a contribution towards replacing damaged or lost school property caused wilfully or negligently by their children.

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