

# Abbey Lane Primary School



## Charging and Remissions Policy

Some activities which take place at school can only happen because parents make some contribution to the cost. The law establishes that restrictions on charging for school activities do not in any way prohibit the school from seeking voluntary contributions to support any school activity whether during or outside school hours.

Such contributions from parents will be genuinely voluntary and any request will make clear that no child will be treated differently according to whether or not his/her parents have made any contribution. It is obvious that if sufficient contributions are not received then the activity may not be able to take place; this will also be stated in the letter.

Charging for residential visits are not voluntary; if the cost of any activity offered to a child causes problems for a parent, they are encouraged to talk in confidence to the class teacher or the headteacher and a solution will be sought.

Charging for individual tuition in a musical instrument is not voluntary, even if within school hours, except where it is part of the syllabus.

The school makes the commitment to keep costs to a minimum, to seek value for money and to use local or concessionary resources where these match curricular needs.

Normally a maximum of one event per year would incur a relatively high cost - i.e. in excess of £14.00. Parents will always be given sufficient notice for such payment to be made.

In the case of deliberate damage to school property or equipment, the school's policy is to ask for a contribution towards repair or replacement.