

Under the provisions of the 1988 Education Reform Act, no charge may be levied by a school unless the Governing Body has drawn up a statement of its policy on Charging and Remissions. One of the basic principles of the act is that all education provided in school time must be free of charge. Activities which take place out of school time may be charged to parents.

The policy has to be seen against the background that voluntary contributions may be used to subsidise any activity taking place inside or outside of school time. However, for school time activities no child can be penalised because their parents are unable or unwilling to contribute voluntarily towards the cost.

In March 1989, Derbyshire County Council Education Committee considered and agreed a charging and remissions policy, which it invited Governing Bodies to have regard to in formulating their own policies. This policy statement related to all relevant activities within the scope of DFE Circular 2/89 concerning charges and remissions.

It is intended that the policy of Bramley Vale Primary School should reflect that of the LEA.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS IN SCHOOL TIME

The Education Reform Act provides free education for all children. We can not insist on payment for visits in school hours. Educational visits are an integral part of the curriculum and we can only ask for voluntary contributions towards trips. However, if sufficient funds are not available from these sources, then the trip may have to be cancelled.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

Parents will be required to meet full costs. Children currently in receipt of free school meals will be able to claim free meals from Derbyshire County Council institutions such as Whitehall and Lea Green. Other ways of raising funds may be explored to support these children.

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS

Parents will be required to meet full costs. In cases of hardship, governors may consider other ways of raising funds to support these children.

INDIVIDUAL MUSIC TUITION

At present there is no free county service. The school may engage the services of outside tutors within school hours at a charge to parents.

MATERIALS FOR PRACTICAL SUBJECTS

Parents should be encouraged to provide materials for practical subjects. However no child must be at a disadvantage by their parents' inability/reluctance to pay. In these cases, the school will pay.



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LOST EQUIPMENT AND BOOKS

At the discretion of the Governors, parents may be expected to contribute to replace lost items of school property eg the loss of a school reading book or a school book bag.