



Lostwithiel School Charging and Remissions:

POLICY STATEMENT May 2016

1. Objectives of the charging provisions of the Education Reform Act:

- a) To maintain the right to free school education
- b) To establish that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parent's ability to pay.
- c) To confirm the right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school, or in support of any activity, whether during or outside school hours.

2. Materials

The school will charge the cost of materials where parents have indicated in advance that they wish to receive that finished article (e.g craft work.) Any payments must be put towards the cost of materials.

3. **Damage and Breakage** Pupils may be asked to pay all or part of the cost of making good damage or loss caused by their behaviour (e.g a broken window or a lost or defaced book), dependent on the cost involved and the degree of culpability.

4. **Equipment:** Neither parents nor pupils may be required to pay for, or to supply any materials for educational for educational use during school hours. However, parents will be invited to provide voluntarily, writing instruments, rough note books, smocks for art, craft-work, cooking and games/PE clothes.

5. Activities and visits during school hours

a) **Short visits:** These will take place on the basis of there being sufficient voluntary contribution from parents to make the activity viable.

b) **Long visits:** Where the school arranges the visit it will normally be on the basis of voluntary funding. This will required to be informed – - That there is no obligation to contribute - That pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents make a contribution. The level of funding required if the activity is to take place would be indicated, and also that the activity would not take place if the funding is not forthcoming. Pupil Premium and Looked after Children will be, if required, offered financial support from school funds. There will be a 75% subsidy for disadvantaged children on all school trips which will be funded by the school.

6. Activities and visits outside school hours

a) **Participation:** for an 'Optional Extra' this will be on the basis of parental choice and willingness to meet the charges involved.

b) **Charges:** These may not exceed the actual cost for a particular pupil, and may not include – travel, board and lodging, materials and equipment, non-teaching staff costs, entrance fees, insurance.

7. Voluntary Contributions The school may seek voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of any school activity whether during or outside school hours.

There is no limit to the level of voluntary contributions.