

CHARGING POLICY

The Governing body endorses the policy of the LEA with respect to charging for school activities.

- 1 Parents will be asked to pay in cash or kind for materials, which are being used in practical activities if they indicate a wish to own the finished product. Parents will be asked before the activity is undertaken whether they so wish.
- 2 Parents maybe asked for payment towards the cost of repairing or replacing any part of the fabric of the school or item of school property, which has been damaged or lost as a result of their child's behaviour.
- 3 School trips and visits form an important part of the curriculum offered by our school. Parents are not required to pay for such visits, but may be asked to make voluntary contributions towards their cost. No pupil will be excluded from a school trip because of his or her parent's unwillingness or inability to contribute, but it is hoped that parents will feel able to support the school in its efforts to provide a full and interesting curriculum for all its pupils. If the contributions made are not sufficient to enable a planned trip to take place, the Headteacher may cancel the trip or make such changes to the organisation of the trip as they think necessary.
- 4 All trips and visits will be organised under the direction of the Headteacher and in accordance with the guidelines issued by Wirral LEA (Circular 1/86). Teacher's organising such trips will be responsible to the Headteacher at all times.
- 5 Parents are asked to meet the board and lodging costs of residential trips unless they are in receipt of income support, when bursaries or other financial support will be sought.
- 6 Parents may be charged for activities defined as "optional extras" activities which are provided mainly out of school hours and which is not part of the school curriculum. If parents would like their children to take part in such activities but are unable to meet the full cost, financial assistance may be available.

AGREED BY THE GOVERNING BODY

Meeting held on:

Minute Number :

SIGNED:

(Chair of Governors)

DATE: