

## Oakley C.E. Junior School

### CHARGING POLICY

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, visits and residential experiences can make towards children's personal and social education. At Oakley Church of England Junior School, we aim to promote and provide such activities, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for pupils and also as additional optional extras.

Set out below is the school's policy with regard to charging for these activities, which is in line with current DCSF legislation.

#### CHARGES

Charges will be made for the following activities:

- Board and Lodging for residential visits e.g. Stubbington
- Transport and all costs associated with educational visits out of school hours
- Music Tuition
- Any materials, books, instruments or equipment where the child parent wishes to own them. This may include activities in school where the child would like to take home the finished product, e.g. food technology.
- Transport and materials for club activities
- Loss or misuse of school property

#### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

In line with current legislation, the school requests voluntary contributions from parents to help meet costs of the following:

- Transport and all costs associated with residential visits (except board and lodging which is chargeable)
- Transport and all costs associated with educational visits during school hours
- Educational activities
- Consumable items
- Costs relating to maintenance of the swimming pool

At Oakley Church of England Junior School, rather than making requests for each activity, parents will be invited to make a one-off annual contribution which in the 2016/17 school year is £35 per pupil. This contribution will be less than the amount spent on each pupil, with the balance being funded from the school budget. Residential trips are not included in this annual contribution.

No pupil will be omitted from any activity because his/her parents are unable or unwilling to contribute. However, lack of voluntary financial support may mean curtailment or cancellation of some activities.

#### MUSIC

Charges will be made for group music tuition. In the 2016/17 school year this will be £62 per term (£186 per year) for all instruments (except recorder) in groups of up to four pupils; recorder tuition will be £21.50 per term (£65.50 per year) for larger groups. Parents are asked to commit for the whole school year and will be liable for charges for the three terms. Children receiving music tuition

will be expected to provide their own musical instruments and music. Hampshire Music Service have a loan service – details are available from the office.

## **REMISSIONS**

### Charges

Remission of charges, in whole or in part, will be made to families who can show that they are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, providing that Working Tax Credit is not also received
- Guaranteed State Pension Credit
- An income related employment and support allowance (introduced October 2008).

### Voluntary Contributions

Parents facing difficulty in meeting requests for voluntary contributions are invited to speak with the Headteacher.