

## **BLACKSHAW MOOR CE (VC) FIRST SCHOOL**

### **Policy for Charging and Remissions**

It is the policy of the Governors of Blackshaw Moor First School, in agreement with the spirit of section 61 of the Education Act (1944) that “no fees shall be charged in respect of admission to Blackshaw Moor First School or in respect of education provided by the school”.

As the broad approach of the 1988 Act also prohibits charges for activities which should take place during school hours, the Governors state that no child should be denied any part of the education offered by this school. However, a policy such as this could severely restrict the opportunities for the children to benefit from first hand experience of:

- 1) Areas outside their own locality, or
- 2) Children of different backgrounds and cultures.

The Governors of this school therefore suggest that parents are asked for voluntary contributions for educational visits. No child will be denied the opportunity of a day visit because of insufficient funds. Costs will be met by the school PTFA in these circumstances. Where a visit involves admission to an establishment where there is a charge made for entry, the school may collect the entry fee in advance, as it has not been levied by the Governors or the L.A.

In normal circumstances, no charge will be made for individual instrumental tuition provided by the class teachers in after school or lunch time clubs, such as key board or recorders. The exception is when external providers levy a charge for tuition. In this case, parents will be charged.

In normal circumstances it is expected that parents provide sport clothing for their child i.e. pumps shorts and t-shirts. Some clubs such as cookery club and art club make a modest weekly charge to cover the cost of resources.

At all times it should be borne in mind that every child at this school, irrespective of background or financial support, is entitled to equal access to the curriculum offered.

Other Charges are as follows:-

#### **Telephone**

Except in exceptional circumstances, staff should use their own mobile phones for personal calls or if they use the school telephone for private calls a small charge will be levied.

#### **Photocopying**

The school charges for private photocopying. The current charge is set at 10p per sheet.

#### **Freedom/Information Act 2000**

The school follows the DFE guidance on charging arising from requests under the Freedom of information Act 2000.

**Lettings of School Premises**

Where an organisation hires the school premises outside of school hours. The school charges a lettings fee to cover the cost of heating, lighting and for opening and closing the building.

All charges are reviewed regularly in line with increasing utilities and energy costs.

Policy agreed by Governors: 20.10.2016