

## **Canon Barnett Primary School Charging Policy 2017 – 18**

The Education Act 1996 requires all schools to have a policy on charging and remissions for school activities, which will be kept under regular review.

The Governors of Canon Barnett Primary School believe that all pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits (curricular and extra-curricular) independent of their parents' financial means. This charging policy describes how they will do their best to ensure a good range of visits and activities is offered and, at the same time, try to minimise the financial barriers which may prevent some pupils from taking full advantage of the opportunities.

Separately from the matter of charging, schools may always seek voluntary contributions in order to offer a wide variety of experiences to pupils. All requests for voluntary contributions will emphasise their voluntary nature and the fact that pupils of parents who do not make such contributions will be treated no differently from those who have. However, the school reserves the right to cancel any trip or activity for which insufficient contributions have been raised.

The Governing Body of Canon Barnett Primary School will charge for the following activities:

- OoSHL activities that would not otherwise be run as the school does not have sufficient funds. If this is the case, then the full cost will be charged unless donations or grants have been obtained. If so, then the cost will be shared out equally between all going after the grant or donation has been subtracted.

For 2017 – 18 Governors have agreed that there will be a cost for the year 6 residential journey of £100. Musical tuition outside of the curriculum or after school activities continue to be free.

The Headteacher should make it known to all parents that they have a right to claim free activities if they are receiving benefits.

The amount charged to each individual will not exceed the actual cost of the activity for that individual.

It is permitted for the cost to each individual to have the costs of the designated staff included as long as that member of staff has a separate contract for the activity. This could be in the form of a letter from the Headteacher asking if they will provide a service on a particular occasion.

Notwithstanding the above, the governors reserve the right to waive charges for any activity on a case by case basis.