



WEST TOWN LANE ACADEMY

WHERE LEARNING IS AN ADVENTURE

CHARGES AND REMISSIONS POLICY

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 28 – All children and young people have a right to primary education, which should be free. Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of.

Article 29 – Education should develop each child's personality to the full. It should encourage children to respect their parents, and their own and other cultures.

RATIONAL

The school wishes to provide the best possible educational opportunities available within the funds allocated by the Education Funding Agency. These funds will not allow for every activity we offer, therefore there will be times when parents/carers are asked to contribute towards the cost.

PUPROSE

The policy explains that contributions are voluntary but in order for school trips to continue as part of school activities we do need to ask parents for a contribution towards travel, admittance costs etc.

Parental contributions cannot go towards paying supply cover for children not attending the activity, or extra adults needed to staff the trip.

GUIDELINES

- From April 1999 schools may not levy a compulsory charge on parents for school activities. The Guidelines were revised in October 2014.
- **Music** ~ Parents will need to pay for the peripatetic music teacher for specialist tuition such as guitars, violins and brass. School offers other clubs such as recorders and Samba where the only cost is that of the instrument.
- **Food Technology** ~ Parents will be asked to contribute towards the cost of the raw materials if they are to take the product home with them. Activities required by the National Curriculum will not be charged for.
- **Clubs** ~ Some extra curricular activities organised by outside agencies are offered to the children. If children choose to attend they will be required to pay a fee.
- **Visits** ~ Parents will be invited to make a voluntary contribution to meet costs. Parents can exercise their right not to contribute, however, the school cannot proceed with an activity unless there is sufficient money to cover the costs involved. No child will be treated differently if voluntary contributions are not made.
- **Special Circumstances** ~ Reductions will be considered for families in exceptional circumstances at the Headteacher's discretion. Children in receipt of Free School Meals qualify for an automatic discount on Residential Visits. Families with 3 or more children in school can request a reduction in Residential Visit costs and twins automatically qualify for a discount (to be agreed annually by Headteacher).
- **Books** ~ If a child loses their school exercise books, planner or reading book they will be asked either to replace it or bring in the cost of a replacement

CONCLUSION

West Town Lane Academy aims to provide stimulating activities to aid the teaching and learning. Where this incurs cost above and beyond the 'normal' running of the school, parents will be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the amount.