

## CHARGING POLICY

The Education Reform Act (1988) states that –

*“Activities offered wholly or mainly during normal teaching times should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost”*

From the Unicef , UN Convention of the rights of a Child - **Article 26 of Rights Respecting School**  
**‘Governments must provide money for children of families in need ,’** no student would be refused access to an activity or outing because of their inability to contribute

### Charges will not be made for

- All activities aimed at meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum or School Curriculum, offered during normal teaching times i.e. all schooling.

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- Material and ingredients used in some craft and cookery sessions, if parents indicate in advance that they wish to own the end product (e.g. a model or a cake or if the child is going to eat the product for lunch).
- Board and lodging for residential educational visits deemed to take place in school hours.

### Voluntary contributions will be sought for

- Cost of travel and educational expenses on a residential activity. This, together with board and lodging, comprises the cost of a residential visit. Parents should meet the costs of board and lodging on all residential trips. Parents in receipt of universal credit, are entitled to claim remission, any requests for parents to pay less or not pay at all are acceptable.  
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- Cost of travel and educational expenses on a class outing or educational visit e.g. train fare, admission fees. Parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution. No child would be excluded from an outing or educational visit if parents choose not to contribute.  
St Ann's School asks families to make a termly £30.00 contribution to the voluntary fund. This money is used to subsidise students who cannot meet the costs of trips, and to supplement some activities that would not be afforded without additional contributions.

Charges for leasing out school premises – given the nature of students attending St Ann's and the need to maintain rigorous health and safety standards the Governing Body has made a decision not to lease out the premises , when students are on site being educated .

However in line with a commitment to the local community the Governing body will from time to time make school resources available to local community group providing a senior member of staff is on site . A donation will be requested for this facility.

