



CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES POLICY

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The school attaches great importance to several activities which, unfortunately, cannot be provided without asking for financial contributions. These vary from year to year but include:

Residential visits

Day trips to places of interest

Theatre visits

Performances held at school by outside organisations

The school's policy on charging is as follows:

1. For practical activities, such as cooking, where the pupil normally retains the final product, parents may be asked to provide or pay for the ingredients or materials.
2. For activities which take place mainly during school time, e.g. a museum visit, parents will be asked for voluntary contributions to help cover the cost of the visit. The viability of these trips will depend on parental contributions.
3. (a) For residential trips involving board and lodging costs, parents will be expected to pay for these charges.
(b) The cost of transport and tuition fees will be a matter for voluntary contributions.
4. Families whose children are in receipt of free school meals, as approved by Dorset Council, need not pay the charges in 3(b).

It is stressed that parents must be quite clear that contributions in 2, and 3(b) are genuinely voluntary and that no child will be excluded through inability to pay but trips will have to be cancelled if insufficient funds are received.