

# **CHARGING POLICY FOR MORTIMER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **Principles**

We are committed to a free school education for all.

## **We Aim To:**

- Ensure that education in school is free.
- Ensure that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal school teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- Ensure that that there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education but the school has the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
- Ensure that the school has the right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school or in support of activities organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

## **PRACTICES**

**With the aforementioned aims in mind, it is the Policy of this school:**

- To continue to request voluntary contributions from parents towards activities organised by the school during school hours.
- The PTA of this school is willing to provide a 20% subsidy to fund certain activities
- If insufficient voluntary contributions are forthcoming for an activity and insufficient subsidies are available, then that activity will be cancelled.
- Optional trips wholly or mainly outside school hours will be charged at full costs. These visits will not proceed where the full costs are not met by all those who wish to partake in the activity
- Board/Lodging and travel costs on residential trips will be charged to those parents in receipt of Family Credit, Job Seekers Allowance or Income Support. These families will be expected to pay a contribution. School records of current students to free Schools Meals acts as a source of confirmation of entitlement; approval is ascertained by the nominated member of the Leadership Group.
- The school may invite voluntary contributions towards the cost of ingredients, materials and equipment where parents have expressed the wish to have the finished product.
- The school may make charges for breakages and damage to property including window breakage and cost for graffiti removal.