

## **St. Luke's Primary School**

### **Charging For School Activities**

#### ***Introduction***

Parents should not be charged for equipment, materials, etc. which are to be used for planned curriculum activities.

Voluntary contributions towards the costs of activities may be requested but parents must be told that they do not have to make contributions and that their child will not be treated differently if they do not make any contribution.

A budget has been allowed by the school for such items as cookery, shopping activities, giving drinks and biscuits, material rewards used for behaviour management and other teaching, etc.

The cost of any exceptional activities for the school, e.g. educational visits, are carefully calculated.

#### ***Items for which charges will be made:***

##### **(1) Board and Lodging**

Parents may be charged for the cost of board and lodging for all residential activities, whether these occur inside or outside school hours.

##### **(2) Products of Curriculum Activities**

Parents may be asked to send needed ingredients and materials or to pay for the product of any work done at school and taken home. Again school funds will be used to help in cases of financial hardship.

##### **(3) Out of School Club**

A charge of £3.50 per session is made to meet some of the costs of operating the out of school club.

#### ***Items where Voluntary Contributions will be requested***

For any of the following activities, voluntary contributions should be requested.

##### **(1) Day Educational Visits**

Parents will be asked to make a voluntary contribution to cover part of the costs of any educational visits undertaken inside or outside school hours.

Parents may be asked to provide a packed lunch on whole day educational visits. In the case of a pupil in receipt of free school meals a packed lunch will be prepared by the school meals staff, if the parents request this. Teachers must inform parents of this facility. School meals staff will also provide packed lunches for children who pay for meals.

(2) Art and Design/Design and Technology Activities

Parents will be asked to make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of cooking activities.

This will not be done in the case of any art or craft activities, including claywork.

(3) Snacks and Drinks

Parents will be asked to make a voluntary cash contribution (currently £4 per half-term).

These contributions will be requested at the beginning of each half-term. The same amount will be requested, regardless of the age of the pupils.