

# **ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL, BOURTON**

## **Policy statement on charges and remissions for school activities**

The objectives of the charging provisions of the EDUCATION REFORM ACT 1988 are:

To maintain the right to free school education.

To establish that activities offered wholly or mainly during normal teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.

To emphasise that there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education or related activity, but to give schools the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.

To confirm the right of schools to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school, or in support of any activity organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

The Governing Body of St George's School endorses these objectives. The intention of the Governing Body is to make available to pupils of the school as wide a range of educational activities as possible, whether as part of the formal curriculum or as an extension to it. To support that intention, it is the school policy:

1. to invite voluntary contributions from parents in support of such activities, whenever permitted by the legislation;
2. to make charges for any activities for which a charge is permitted under the legislation;
3. to remit charges to families in receipt of Income Support, Family Credit, income based Jobseeker's Allowance or Personal Independence Payments where required, and to remit charges in particular cases as appropriate;
4. to invite parents to pay, in cash or 'in kind', for materials used in school where parents have indicated a wish to own the finished article incorporating those materials.

This policy was reviewed by Pastoral and Spiritual governors on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017