



**Frome Valley CE First School**  
**Charging and Remissions Policy**



## **CHARGING**

### **Books and equipment**

Some parents of older children want to buy their children their own pens and pencils. All parents should be aware that they are welcome to do so but all stationary and books are provided by the school free of charge.

Parents of pupils who lose or damage books or equipment issued to them are expected to pay the cost of replacement or repair. This includes reading books.

### **Charging for materials**

Parents of pupils who are working on practical food technology activities will be asked for a voluntary contribution towards this activity.

### **Activities within the school day**

Any payment from parents for these activities is voluntary but if parents are unable or unwilling to contribute, it may be that the activity will not be able to take place. Parents will be made aware of this in the initial letter sent to parents. Pupils will never be treated differently whether or not their parents have made any such payments.

### **Activities outside the school day**

For these activities payment is usually required before children can take part. Written parental consent and payment will be required prior to the activity beginning

### **Residential Visits**

Payment will be required in respect of residential visits taking place mainly outside school time.

### **Music Tuition**

The Headteacher is authorised to charge for music tuition outside normal classroom activities, when permitted.

## **Loss and Damage to School Property**

Parents of a pupil who damages or loses any item of school property or equipment, including, for example, windows or computer software, are liable for the cost of repair or replacement.

## **REMISSIONS**

Pupils are entitled to free school meals if parents / guardians are in receipt of:

- **Income support (IS)**
- **Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)**
- **Support provided under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Child Tax Credit**, provided they are not entitled to Working tax Credit and have an annual taxable income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) which does not exceed £16,190 (2011)
- **Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit**

*The school has a fund to be used at their discretion to assist any pupil, where the family would have difficulty in meeting any costs.*

*Parents in this situation are invited to contact the Headteacher in confidence.*