

Archbishop IIsley Catholic School

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In conformity with the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988 and having regard to the LEA policy, it is the policy of the Governing Body:

- 1. to levy, except where pupils are entitled to statutory remission, a charge for all board and lodging costs on residential visits;
- 2. to levy a charge for activities wholly or mainly outside school hours which are not part of the National Curriculum, statutory Religious Education or in preparation for a prescribed public examination; i.e. lesson provision by periphetic music teachers.
- 3. to levy no charge for public examinations, subject to the budget formula restrictions of the LEA, except where:
 - a) the school has not prepared pupils for the examination in the year for which the entry is made, or
 - b) it is a repeat examination, or
 - c) a pupil has failed, for no good reason, to complete the requirements of the examination or to attend for it;
- 4. to levy no charge in respect of books, materials, equipment, instruments of incidental transport provided in connection with the National Curriculum, statutory Religious Education or in preparation for prescribed public examinations or courses taught at the school, except where parents have indicated in advance their wish to purchase the product;
- 5. to request voluntary contributions from parents for school activities in or out of school time for which compulsory charges cannot be levied but which can only be provided if there is sufficient voluntary funding, whilst ensuring that no pupil is excluded from such activity by reason of inability or unwillingness to make a voluntary contribution;
- 6. to seek payment from parents for damage or loss to school property caused wilfully or negligently by their children;
- 7. to leave to the Head's decision, the proportion of costs of an activity which should be charged to public or non-public funds;
- 8. to delegate to the Chairperson and the Head the determination of any individual case arising from the implementation of this policy.