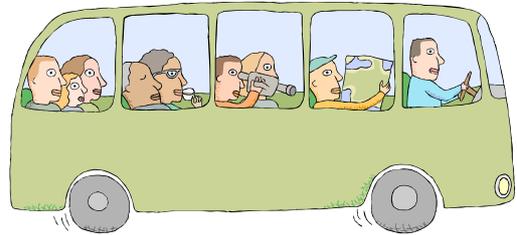


# Charging and Remissions Policy

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## Visits during the school day

Current legislation requires that education provided during normal school hours is free of any compulsory charge. As part of the curriculum provision pupils of all ages have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of visits during the school day. To facilitate this important aspect, parents may be asked for a voluntary contribution to assist in funding some visits when there is a cost over and above the transport costs in the school minibus. Children are not excluded from any such activity if their parents do not make a voluntary contribution nor are other pupils asked for additional amounts. A subsidy may be provided in respect of individual pupils from the school fund at the discretion of the headteacher.



## Visits outside of the school day and additional activities

Charges will be made for extra curricular visits and activities outside of the school day in order to cover any costs of the visit. Pupils attending School Club make a small contribution for refreshments. The Summer Playscheme is run by the Friends of Bettridge Incorporated is largely funded by charitable donations and grants. A reasonable daily charge is levied for each child attending.

## Residential visits

Pupils may be offered a place on a residential visit, for which parents are charged the cost of the child's board and lodging (parents in receipt of Family credit or Income support are exempt from this charge). They may also be invited to make a voluntary contribution to other costs incurred. Residential trips are usually subsidised through voluntary funds donated to the school for this purpose so that the cost is kept within the reach of all families who wish their child to participate.

## Other contributions

While all classroom materials are free of charge, parents may be asked to make a small voluntary contribution towards cookery ingredients, drinks and snacks.