

SCARCROFT SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

APPROVED SCHEME FOR CHARGING

Rationale:

Governors recognise that the majority of school activities will be provided for every child free of charge. There will be occasions, however, where a charge may need to be made to contribute towards the cost. For example:

- Educational visits
- Swimming
- Specialist visitors
- Theatre presentations
- Other enrichment activities
- Other non-curricular activities

Procedures:

1. The Governing Body recognises that under the legislation brought in by the Education Act 1996 (section 449-462) schools are only allowed to ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of a school visit.
2. It is the Headteacher's discretion as to whether a parental contribution is required and the extent of that contribution.
3. Parents are made aware that any charge for a school visit is not compulsory and that neither the child nor the parent will be discriminated against if payment is not made.
4. We reserve the right, however, to cancel a visit if insufficient contributions are made to make the visit financially viable.
5. Internal events, such as specialist visitors, drama presentations and workshops do also incur costs. Where these costs are significant, parents will also be asked to make a contribution towards the cost.
6. Swimming, which is part of the National Curriculum, also incurs costs for the hire of the pool, specialist tuition and Life Guard provision. Here also, parents are asked to make a contribution towards the cost.
7. If the activity takes place and there is a shortfall, the balance will be made up by the School Fund.
8. Governors have agreed to set aside a small proportion of the Pupil Premium Funding received by the school to pay for trips, swimming, School Uniform, Breakfast Club and enrichment activities for those families who are in receipt of Free School Meals.
9. The school offers parents Extended Services through a daily breakfast Club and After School Club. The costs of such additional services cannot be subsidised by the school – as a result, the entire cost is passed onto parents (with the exception of families in receipt of Free School Meals, who qualify for free Breakfast Club places, funded by the Pupil Premium [see point 7 above]).