



## **Culverstone Green Charging Policy 2012**

Culverstone Green Primary School understands the requirement placed on school Governors with regard to charging for school activities and the Charging Policy is written with reference to the following documents:

- DES Circular 2/89
- Education Act 1996, sections 402,450 – 458, 460
- The Education (School Sessions and Charges and Remissions Policies) (Information) (England) Regulations 1999

### **Policy aims**

The aims of our Charging Policy are:

- To adhere to the right of free school education
- To enable all pupils to take full advantage of the activities provided by the school

### **Voluntary Contributions**

The school may ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of:

- Any activity which takes place during school hours e.g. swimming, cookery
- School equipment
- School funds generally

The contribution must be genuinely voluntary, though, and the pupils of parents who are not willing or unable to contribute must not be discriminated against. Where there are insufficient voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, and there is no way to make up the shortfall, then it must be cancelled.

No charges will include an element of subsidy for those parents unwilling or unable to pay.

### **Residential trips**

The school will charge for the cost of board and lodging during residential trips. Where the trip takes place wholly, or mainly, during school hours children whose parents/carers entitled to free school meals are also entitled to remission of these charges.

A similar entitlement applies where the trip takes place outside of school hours but is necessary as part of the school curriculum.

### **Charging for activities outside school hours**

Charges may be levied for activities outside of the school hours. Payment will only be voluntary if that activity is an essential part of the National Curriculum. If participation in the activity is on the basis of personal choice then it is defined as an optional extra.