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Under the Education Reform Act 1988 and in accordance with the regulations contained therein concerning activities for which charges may be made or voluntary contributions invited, the following practices will apply:

1. Material for practical lessons

Parents to be asked for a voluntary contribution towards the cost where the finished article is taken home. In the case of major pieces of work a charge may be provided that the parents have given prior indication that they would like to keep the finished article.

2. Visits within School Hours

Parents to be asked for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of entrance fees and travel. No student may be left out because parents' cannot/will not make a contribution. Any short fall to be covered from school funds or, if this is not possible, the visit to be abandoned.

3. Residential Trips during school hours

A charge for board and lodging will be made but will be remitted for families on income support or family credit.

4. Clubs, Trips, Activities etc. Outside school hours

A charge will be made to cover the cost of such optional extras

5. Public examinations

No charge may be made for *the first* entry to a prescribed public examination for which the student is being prepared by the school.

However, parents will be expected to pay relevant fees for a student who fails without good reason to meet examination requirements for that syllabus, eg student fails to turn up for the examination or fails to complete course work.

6. School property

Parents will be expected to pay cost of any breakage's damage to and the loss of school property by students, other than through genuine accidents.