



Marshfield CE VC Primary School

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AIMS

- To enable all children to participate in extracurricular activities, workshops, trips and residential visits.

RATIONALE

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, trips and residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social education. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and additional optional activities.

CHARGES

Parents/carers will realise that, if children are to enjoy the benefits of such educational experiences, which take place wholly or mainly during school hours the Governors must ask for **voluntary contributions** to cover costs. As an inclusive school no child will be excluded from an activity or visit simply because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay. However, if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund a visit, or the school cannot fund it from some other source, then it will be cancelled. The Governing Body recognises the need to offer financial support to some children and may use the Pupil Premium allocation in the school budget to cover the cost for those children who are looked after, are eligible for free school meals or whose parents are in receipt of the listed benefits (see Appendix), if it is necessary to do so. Parents will be encouraged to talk to the Headteacher who will advise them of how the school can support their payments.

The Governors would like to make it clear that:-

1. Parents/carers do not have to make a voluntary contribution
2. No pupil will be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contributions
3. If voluntary contributions do not cover a cost, an event/trip will be cancelled
4. For a residential visit the cost of board and lodgings must be charged for and therefore the charge is not a voluntary contribution for parents who are not in receipt of the listed benefits. Parents with genuine financial difficulties should approach the Headteacher

Parents/carers will be told what the contribution per child should be at least 8 weeks prior to the visit/trip/workshop. Parents/carers must also be aware that if those contributions

do not raise sufficient funds to pay for the event, then the school will not be able to organise such activities.