

CANNON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS OF CHARGES FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION REFORM ACT 1988

Dear Parents

From time to time specific activities are organised by teachers to enrich the curriculum. Sometimes these activities require us to make a small charge because of limits on the school budget. For example, teachers may think it appropriate to organise an educational day visit because it links with the planned school curriculum. On other occasions, we may invite outside "experts" to visit the school.

We consider all of these activities to be a very valuable part of the primary school curriculum. The 1988 Education Act commits all schools to the provision of free education during school hours. Under the present Act, schools no longer have the ability to make small charges for the kind of educational activity outlined above. Without parental contributions, schools could not sustain these activities and, clearly, this would reduce the range of experiences currently on offer.

The Education Reform Act does not prohibit requests to parents for voluntary contributions for the benefit of any school activities. Except in cases of genuine financial hardship, we would like to seek a general commitment from parents to provide voluntary contributions so that Cannon Lane can continue to provide a range of important educational experiences.

It is important to point out, for planning purposes, that we have the understanding and agreement from all parents about this matter. We would be pleased if you could indicate your agreement to continuing voluntary contributions in order to sustain the kind of activities that have occurred in the past.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Phillips
Headteacher

Cannon Lane Primary School

Name of parent/guardian

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Child's NameClass

I am *willing/not willing to make voluntary contributions for any of the above mentioned activities.

Signed Date

*please delete as appropriate