

## St Berteline's Church of England Primary School

# Charging and Remission of Charges Policy

At St Berteline's we operate a policy of equal opportunities and inclusion for all of our children and parents. This means that we make every effort not to exclude any children or parents from any activities, which take place in the school. One of the ways in which we help families to budget is by offering a school payment scheme whereby families can contribute over a longer period of time.

To clarify the situation there are a number of activities for which the school has to pay for. These are:

#### Educational visits

The school may not make a charge for visits, as they take place during the school day. However, the school is not usually able to provide the money for these visits and a voluntary donation from parents is requested. Although there is no obligation to contribute, the visits usually cannot take place unless parents contribute. Some trips are subsidised by the school via the school fund by way of a contingency. No child is prevented from attending any educational visit or residential visit on financial grounds and the school will make every effort to source funding if required.

## School theatre groups, performers and artists

Such events in school are usually paid for by the 'Friends of St Bert's Fund and therefore no child is ever withdrawn from these sorts of activities. The Friends of St Bert's fund is topped up by fundraising efforts throughout the year and voluntary donations.

### Specialist Tuition

If specialist tutors are employed to fulfil a National Curriculum requirement, this is paid out of our school budget. Any other specialist tuition eg golf, football etc will be paid for by the parents directly to either the tutor or the school.