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## Charging Policy

October 2020

Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996 set out the law on charging for school activities in schools maintained by local authorities in England.

The Department for Education published guidance for governing bodies, school leaders, school staff and local authorities to set out their policies on charging and remission for school activities and school visits (October 2014).

At Lumley Infant and Nursery School, we believe that enrichment activities positively enhance the learning experience for pupils. We aim to promote and provide a range of activities to complement our broad and balanced curriculum. We strongly believe that all our pupils should have an equal opportunity to benefit from school activities and visits, regardless of their parents'/carers' financial means.

### Statutory Obligations

**Lumley Infant and Nursery School will not charge for:**

- education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other;
- education provided outside school hours if it is part of the national curriculum;
- instrumental or vocal tuition, for pupils learning individually or in groups, unless the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent;

**Optional extras where a voluntary contribution may be requested:**

- towards the cost of offsite activities and/or visits, up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs per pupil;
- a small donation towards a recreational event e.g. pantomime;
- no child will be excluded from an activity simply because parents/carers are unable or unwilling to pay;
- if an activity/event cannot be funded without voluntary contributions then the Head Teacher reserves the right to cancel

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