

## CHARGING POLICY SURVEY 2014 – RESULTS

**161 surveys were returned from 269 issued = 60%**

		<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither Agree or Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>Omitted</u>
Q1	My child enjoys the extra- curricular activities offered by the school e.g. cooking, clay, sewing, visiting performers	<b>104</b> <b>65%</b>	<b>45</b> <b>28%</b>	<b>9</b> <b>6%</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0%</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0%</b>	<b>3</b> <b>2%</b>
Q2	The school should continue to offer extra-curricular activities to enhance the curriculum	<b>117</b> <b>73%</b>	<b>42</b> <b>26%</b>	<b>2</b> <b>1%</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0%</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0%</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0%</b>
Q3	<b>Paying £10 per term</b> is the best way for parents to contribute towards extra-curricular activities	<b>88</b> <b>53%</b>	<b>46</b> <b>29%</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8%</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8%</b>	<b>2</b> <b>1%</b>	<b>2</b> <b>1%</b>
Q4	<b>Paying for the activities, as and when they occur,</b> would be the best way for parents to contribute. e.g 50p when your child brings home cooking etc.	<b>15</b> <b>9%</b>	<b>16</b> <b>10%</b>	<b>34</b> <b>21%</b>	<b>62</b> <b>39%</b>	<b>24</b> <b>15%</b>	<b>9</b> <b>6%</b>
Q5	The school should provide regular feedback to parents to inform them as to how the £10 contribution is being spent	<b>49</b> <b>30%</b>	<b>79</b> <b>49%</b>	<b>26</b> <b>16%</b>	<b>4</b> <b>2%</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0%</b>	<b>3</b> <b>2%</b>
Q6	The school should send a reminder to parents who have not paid a voluntary contribution in case they have just forgotten to make the payment	<b>72</b> <b>45%</b>	<b>56</b> <b>35%</b>	<b>15</b> <b>9</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8%</b>	<b>3</b> <b>2%</b>	<b>2</b> <b>1%</b>

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70 people made a written comment. These are summarised below:

Comment	Number of people with similar comment
It would be too time consuming to expect the school to take individual payments	2
£10 contribution is a good way of getting extra-curricular activities	14
It should not be assumed that all families can afford to pay	2
I would prefer a £30 payment for the year	2
A gentle, encouraging reminder in the newsletter should be used	4
I would appreciate a reminder as I tend to forget to make the payment	17
The school should send a reminder to <u>all</u> parents	1
Paying £30 at the beginning of the year is better	9
The school does provide regular feedback about how the money is spent	3
The contribution is supposed to be voluntary so the school should not remind people who have not paid	4
The school should sent a joint reminder and a summary of what the money has been spent on the term before – as a reminder and an incentive to pay	3
Parents could be encouraged to replace the end of term gift for the teacher (Christmas and Summer) with a small donation for the school	1
The school should introduce a Direct Debt or Standing Order process	4
I am concerned that parents who pay are paying for children of families who don't pay – unfair. Paying for individual activities is the only fair and equal option	6
Having more than one child in the school makes it quite costly – could there be a monthly contribution?	3
The request for the voluntary contribution is not publicised as much as it should be	1
There should be a date by which payments should be made	1
I get the impression that some parents don't pay at all	1
Ask parents who don't pay to pay for activities as they occur	3
Contributions should be absolutely ring fenced and should not subsidise general education	1
I would prefer to pay for trips and visits as they occur so I know what the money is being spent on. Smaller things could be grouped together for an annual contribution	1
My child has only done cooking twice and no sewing so I think £30 is excessive – not value for money	1
I think the extra-curricular activities are too tightly rationed – I would rather pay more for my child to attend clubs	1
The government should provide better funding to the school	1
A receipt as proof of payment would be useful to serve as a reminder you have paid	1

