



## **Voluntary Contribution**

### **Introduction**

In line with many schools the Governors have established a policy to support voluntary contributions from parents/carers. The voluntary contribution supports activities outside the provision of the general curriculum which would otherwise be a drain on resources designed to directly support teaching and learning.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

Each parent/carer will be asked by letter to contribute £30.00 per annum for the oldest child and £20.00 per annum for any subsequent child at the beginning of each academic year. The letter will outline the use of the money in the previous year.

Parents/carers will be offered the opportunity to pay this amount in a lump sum or termly.

These funds will be accounted for separately in the budget and will be managed through the Finance Department.

### **Acceptable Use of Voluntary Contributions**

The voluntary contributions will not be used to support direct curriculum and learning activities in the Academy. They should only be used for activities which are over and above the normal provision in a community school. Expenditure associated with voluntary contributions must be used in the year in which the contribution was made.

The following are examples of the acceptable use of the funds: the LDBS School Maintenance Fund; the purchase and depreciation cost of school minibuses' specialist equipment which would enhance the experience of the students at the Academy.