



Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

In accordance with Sections 449 – 462 of the Education Act 1996, the Governing Body make no charge for education or educational activities provided during school hours as part of the school curriculum. However, the Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards the personal and social education of our pupils. The Governing Body therefore reserve the right to levy charges for the following activities arranged by the school, which will not exceed the actual cost of the activity.

“Optional Extra” activities outside school hours.

The full cost for activities including residential visits, which take place out of school hours may be charged to parents. In fixing the charge the school may take account of the costs for travel, lodging for supervisory staff, and associated supply cover. However, we strive to use funds received at School e.g. Pupil Premium funding and donations to School Fund to reduce the cost to families whenever possible.

Visits in support of the curriculum which are desirable but not essential

The Governing Body recognises that the school may wish to offer opportunities for pupils to broaden the range of experience in connection with certain curriculum areas during school hours. Such opportunities might comprise an educational visit to an historic site, a theatre visit, an art gallery or museum visit, or use of swimming pools and sports centres. The Governing Body’s policy is to encourage the school to work jointly with parents in this respect, and invite voluntary contributions from parents, either generally to school funds or specifically for certain activities, in accordance with section 460 of the 1996 Act. In encouraging such co-operation the Governing Body is anxious to ensure that parents are made aware that any such contributions are voluntary and that pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution. The Governing Body recognises that the viability of visits in support of the curriculum, which are desirable but not essential, depends upon the level of voluntary financial support received from parents and delegate to the Head Teacher responsibility for decisions in relation to the viability of such visits.

Materials for practical lessons

Voluntary contributions or provision of goods in kind may be requested from parents for materials for practical lessons (Design Technology, Food Technology. Meal Preparation or other subject areas as the Governing Body may from time to time determine), if parents wish to own the finished product.



Out of School clubs and activities

The school offers a range of out-of-school clubs and lunchtime clubs – and reserves the right to charge for such sessions to cover the cost of provision where those activities are not directly aimed at providing educational benefit to pupils.

Transport to Extra-Curricular Activities

Parents/Carers may be charged to cover the transport expenses associated with the cost of the trip to an extra-curricular activity. Charges for transport will be strictly based on covering actual costs (as defined in legislation) with no profit element.

Loss of/ Damage to School Property

Parents/Carers may be asked to meet the costs of repair/replacement of school property lost or damaged as a result of a pupil's misbehaviour.