

Huntspill Community Federation



CHARGING POLICY



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Introduction

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, practical activities, trips & residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal & social education. The Governing Body aims to promote & provide such activities both as part of a broad & balanced curriculum for pupils & as additional optional activities.

Charging Policy

Any charges made by the school must meet the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1996. The governors endorse the guiding principles contained in the Act, in particular that no child should have his/her access to the curriculum limited by charges.

Charges

Charges will not be made for any activities which form part of the National Curriculum requirements. No charge can be made for education during school hours. The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school.

Activities Outside School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of any activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours. This includes residential visits, a charge will be made for the cost of board, lodging & travel costs (subject to statutory exceptions) the cost will not exceed the actual cost of provision.

Individual/Group Instrumental Tuition

The cost for providing individual/group instrumental tuition the charge will not exceed the cost of provision.

Charging in Kind

The cost of materials, ingredients (or provision of them by parents) for practical subjects if the parents have indicated that they wish to own the finished product.

Voluntary Contributions

The Governing Body may ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of any activity that takes place during school hours. Parents are under no obligation to make any contribution & pupils of parents who are unable or unwilling to contribute will not be discriminated against. In the event of

insufficient voluntary contributions being made the activity may have to be cancelled & refunds will be given.

Breakages

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books or equipment on loan to pupils the Headteacher may decide to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit & at the discretion of the Headteacher.

General

The Governing Body may, from time to time amend the categories for which a charge may be made & reserve the right to review the Charging Policy as necessary.

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