



Charging and Remissions policy

'Let all that you do be done in love' - 1 Corinthians 16:14

Purpose

We aim to provide a broad, balanced curriculum for pupils within our care. However, it is recognised that many educationally valuable activities have been, and will continue to be, dependent on financial contributions from parents. Without that financial support the school would find it impossible to maintain the quality and breadth of educational experiences provided for pupils. However, the school will look at alternative ways of funding where possible to minimise charges.

Responsibilities

The Governors, in consultation with the Headteacher, are responsible for the implementation of the charging policy and the determination of any individual case arising from the implementation of this policy.

Charges to be made

- Day and part day educational visits for visits during school time the Headteacher will invite voluntary contributions from parents to meet the cost of the visit. Every effort will be made to keep these costs reasonable. However, where voluntary contributions are insufficient to cover the costs involved, the visit or activity may be cancelled. Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution
- Extra Curricular Clubs On occasions the school may make a charge for Clubs, e.g. sports clubs
- Voluntary contributions may be sought to cover miscellaneous expenses e.g. Year 6 Summer Prom.
- Peripatetic music lessons are charged privately

Calculating Charges

When charges are made for any activity, whether during or outside the school day, they will be based on the actual costs incurred, divided by the total number of pupils participating. There will be no levy on those who can pay to support those who cannot.

Remissions In order to remove financial barriers, the governing body has agreed that some activities, visits and residential where charges can legally be made will be offered at a reduced charge to parents in particular circumstances for example in receipt of Free School Meals. Parents should

make requests for such support to the Head Teacher who will consider each case on its individual merits.

Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Governors Committee and may be amended as appropriate. Any eventuality not covered by this policy will be considered by the Headteacher and in exceptional circumstances the Chair of Governors and a decision made in line with the LA Policy of Charging.