

CHARGING AND REMISSION POLICY FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT, 1988

Charging Policy

Music Tuition

There will be a compulsory charge to all pupils receiving instrumental music tuition under the LEA scheme of £35 per annum, payable by the parent. Parents of pupils entitled to free school meals will not be charged. Further details available from the school.

Ingredients and Materials for Food Technology and CDT

In respect of the above, a charge may be made if parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product.

Day Trips and Non - Residential Activities

If an activity in this category takes place more than 50% during school hours, no charge may be made. If less than 50% takes place during school hours, a charge may be made, except where the activity is part of the National Curriculum or of a syllabus related to a prescribed public examination.

Residential Trips

A charge may be made for board and lodgings for pupils in respect of residential activities organised by the L.E.A. deemed to be within school hours.

Optional Extras

Activities outside school hours and not part of the curriculum are regarded as optional extras. Charges may be made for these but such charges must not exceed the actual cost to each individual pupil.

Examinations

Charging is prohibited in respect of prescribed public examinations for which pupils are being prepared at school. Charges may be levied for non-prescribed examination entries and tuition, examination re-sit entries for which no tuition is provided, optional extras and fees paid by the Authority in respect of examinations not completed by a pupil (without there being, in the opinion of the Authority, good cause for such failure to complete).

Policy on Remission Of Charges

Residential Trips

Charges for board and lodgings in respect of activities deemed to take place during school hours and organised by the L.E.A. shall be remitted in the case of pupils whose parents receive income support or family credit.

Examinations

The charge for a non-prescribed examination may be remitted if this examination is included on an L.E.A. approved list.



Voluntary Contributions from Parents

The Education Reform Act, 1988, confirms the right of L.E.A. and schools to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school, or in support of any activity organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.