



CHARGING POLICY

Charges for School Activities

In accordance with the Education Act 1996: Sections 449-462, the Governors have determined the following policy on charging and remissions.

The Governors will charge parents for:

- ◆ contribution towards instrumental music tuition which is over and above the requirements of the National Curriculum or approved examination syllabus
- ◆ board and lodging on residential visits
- ◆ activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours and which are not provided as part of the syllabus for prescribed public examinations or in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to Religious Education
- ◆ the cost of entering a pupil for public examination not prescribed in regulations and for preparing the pupil for such an examination outside school hours
- ◆ re-scrutiny of any examination result
- ◆ recovery of wasted examination fees
- ◆ re-sits of prescribed public examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school
- ◆ damage to or loss of school property caused wilfully or negligently by their children

The Governors may charge for:

- ◆ school time activities by inviting parents and others to make voluntary contributions to enable school funds to go further. Children of parents who do not contribute will not be treated differently from those who do make contributions. However, where voluntary contributions are requested, an activity may not take place if insufficient contributions are received.

- ◆ activities (optional extras) which happen outside school hours when these activities are not a necessary part of the National Curriculum

- ◆ cost of transport for work experience is the responsibility of the parents

The Governors will review the lettings charges levied by the school on an annual basis (see Lettings Policy).

The Governors will seek voluntary contributions in support of school activities which are not included in the above list. Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to a request, but a trip may have to be cancelled if the financial burden becomes too great.

The Governors will seek a voluntary contribution towards the cost of pupil planners.