

Governing Body Charging Policy

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

1. There is a subsidised charge for instrumental tuition and parents may be required to pay the cost of hiring instruments
2. Parents may be invited to contribute in cash or kind for ingredients, materials, equipment etc needed for practical subjects such as Food Technology and CDT where there is a finished product to be taken home.

Children of parents who do not contribute will not be disadvantaged in any way.

3. The parents of students participating in a residential experience which falls within school time, will be asked to pay for board and lodging.

Parents in receipt of the Pupil Premium will be exempt from such charges.

4. When school visits are arranged which:
 - a) fulfil any requirements specified in the syllabus for a prescribed public examination, or:
 - b) are specifically to fulfil statutory duties relative to the National Curriculum, or:
 - c) are specifically to fulfil statutory dates related to religious education,

no charges will be made, but voluntary contributions may be requested.

In the case of all visits and journeys arranged in school time, parents will be invited to contribute to the cost. Students will not be discriminated against if their parents are unwilling to contribute to the cost, but if a number of parents are unable to support the visit, it is unlikely to take place. Every effort will be made to contribute to the cost of children who are eligible for the Pupil Premium.

5. Visits and journeys arranged outside the school day, which do not fall within the categories of 4a), b) or c) are optional and parents will be required to pay the actual cost of the visit or journey, and costs incurred through supervision.
6. Parents of students eligible for the Pupil Premium who wish their child to participate in an optional extra, but are unable to pay the full amount, should apply to the school for consideration for financial support.
7. Parents will not be charged for entry to any prescribed public examination unless the student is retaking the examination.
8. If a student fails to complete the examination requirements for any public examination for which she/he has been entered, the parents shall be asked to repay the cost of entry. The provision of a medical certificate for the student would exempt the parent from payment.
9. The Governors require that the parents of students who break, damage, lose or fail to return school property, shall be required to pay replacement costs.

10. All payments should be made by cheque or postal order or on line.

The Governing Body may from time to time, amend the categories of activities for which a charge may be made. Nothing in the policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing education for students.