

Charging and Remission Policy

This Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Governing Body's Finance Committee and will be adjusted in line with any subsequent guidelines from the DfE or Local Authority.

The school may invite parents and others from time to time to make a voluntary contribution towards any part of the school's work, and to permit the provision of activities which might not otherwise be possible. Parents will be informed of the decision to ask for contributions at the planning stage of activities. Planned activities may be cancelled if financial support is not forthcoming. Parents may be asked to make a voluntary contribution towards activities taking place in school time, or towards activities which are a necessary part of the National Curriculum, or towards activities that form part of the school's basic curriculum for religious education.

Parents will be asked to meet the full cost of optional extra activities which happen outside school hours, where these activities are not a necessary part of the National Curriculum or religious education.

Parents will be asked to meet the full cost for residential courses in school time.

Charges and contributions requested are set to cover the anticipated costs

General fundraising and sponsorship may be used to allow additional activities to take place.

The school will use its discretion to offer assistance in any case where there is hardship.

Activities outside school hours and not within the National Curriculum are classed as "optional extras". Parents/guardians will be asked to meet the full cost of these activities. In the case of residential experience, every effort would be made to offer value for money but the cost may be quite high. If a student is unable to go on a trip (unless this is because of ill health), after the initial deposit has been paid and a place allocated, they will still need to pay the full cost, unless another student is able to take his/her place.