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Academy

Charging & Remissions Policy

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CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

Charging for Academy Activities.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to set out what charges will be levied for activities, what remissions will be implemented and the circumstances under which voluntary contributions will be requested from parents.

Responsibilities

The Governing Body of the Academy are responsible for determining the content of the policy and the Principal for implementation. Any determinations with respect to individual parents will be considered by the Principal / Leadership Team.

Prohibition of Charges

The Governing Body of the Academy recognise that the legislation prohibits charges for the following:

- education provided during Academy hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment);
- education provided outside Academy hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the student is being prepared for at the Academy, or part of religious education;
- tuition for students learning to play musical instruments if the tuition is required as part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the student is being prepared for at the Academy, or part of religious education;
- entry for a prescribed public examination, if the student has been prepared for it at the Academy;
- examination re-sit(s) if the student is being prepared for the re-sit(s) at the Academy;
- education provided on any trip that takes place during Academy hours
- education provided on any trip that takes place outside Academy hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the student is being prepared for at the Academy, or part of religious education;

- transporting registered students to or from the Academy's premises, where the Local Education Authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport;
- transporting registered students to other premises where the governing body or Local Education Authority has arranged for students to be educated;
- transport provided in connection with an educational trip
- transport that enables a student to meet an examination requirement when he / she has been prepared for that examination at the Academy;
- Supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from the Academy accompanying students on a residential trip

Publication of Information

A copy of this policy is available on the Academy's website.

Charges

- a) board and lodging on residential visits (not to exceed the costs)
- b) the proportionate costs for an individual student of activities wholly or mainly outside Academy hours ('optional extras') to meet the costs for:
 - (i) travel associated costs
 - (ii) materials and equipment
 - (iii) non-teaching staff costs
 - (iv) entrance fees / activity fees
 - (v) insurance costs
- c) individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument
- d) re-sits for public examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the Academy
- e) costs of non-prescribed examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the Academy
- f) any other education, transport or examination fee unless charges are specifically prohibited
- g) breakages and replacements as a result of damages caused wilfully or negligently by students

Remissions

Where non-chargeable education is provided during a residential visit, then the parents of a pupil who is eligible for free school meals shall receive a complete remission of any charges that would otherwise be payable in respect of board or lodgings.

Under current regulations children whose parents receive the following support payments may be eligible for free school meals:

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance (income Related)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided parents are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after qualification for Working Tax Credit ends
- Universal Credit

Where charges are to be made by the Governing Body for optional extras, parents may receive a remission for the whole or part of the charge as deemed viable by the Governing Body, acting on advice from the Principal Parents/guardians are welcome to approach the academy for support if appropriate.

Voluntary Contributions

Parents may be invited to make a voluntary contribution towards the following:

- a) Activities within a curriculum area
- b) Support education trips and visits
- c) Associated travel costs

The terms of any request made to parents will specify that the request for a voluntary contribution and in no way represents a charge, in addition the following will be made clear to parents:

- a) that the contribution is genuinely voluntary and a parent is under no obligation to pay; and
- b) that registered students at the Academy will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request.
- c) if insufficient voluntary contributions are received the Academy reserves the right to cancel the event.

The responsibility for determining the level of voluntary contribution is delegated to the Principal / Leadership team within the Academy.

Voluntary contributions will be used to:

- Enhance and support learning activities within a faculty / department

- Support some educational visits
- Travel costs

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