

Bury School Charging and Remission Policy 2018

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INTRODUCTION

The Local Governing Body (LGB) recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' education.

The LGB aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities. The school will liaise with the parents of pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium with regard to any possible reduction in charges.

CHARGES

The LGB reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

School Journeys in School Hours

The costs of approved residential activities deemed to take place in school hours.

Activities outside School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours.

Individual Instrumental Tuition

The cost to the pupil for providing individual or small group instrumental tuition by an outside agency.

Charging in Kind

The cost of materials, ingredients, equipment (or the provision of them by parents) for the following subjects: DT, Science, Art/Craft. The Governing Body reserves the right to charge for ingredients and materials or require them to be provided if the parents have indicated in advance that they wish to own the finished product.

GENERAL

The LGB may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the LGB from inviting parents to make a Voluntary Contribution towards the cost of additional activities which take place in school time which enhance the curriculum. This would include all activities, either visitors coming into school or trips out. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.

The school may ask parents to pay the cost of repairing or replacing damaged or lost school property, if the damage has been caused by a child's deliberate misconduct. This includes broken windows, and damaged books or equipment.

REMISSIONS

Where the parents of a pupil in receipt of Pupil Premium approaches the school regarding financial hardship, the LGB may offer to assist in the costs for any residential activity. These may be subsidised by 50% of the full cost of the visit.

The LGB may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. Authorisation for such remission will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors, subject to the availability of appropriate funding. A copy of this policy is available on the school website or from the school office.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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