

Beacon Hill Academy

Charging and Remissions Policy



Introduction

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

The Governing Body 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 Governing Body has taken cognisance of the document, DfE Charging for School Activities, and will fully implement the content of the document.

Charges

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the Academy as per the DfE Charging for School Activities document:

School Journeys in School Hours

The board and lodging element 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 any instrumental tuition not part of normal LA peripatetic provision.

Charging in Kind

The cost of materials, ingredients, equipment (or the provision of them by parents) for the following subjects: CDT, 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 Governing Body may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made, in line with the DfE Charging for School Activities document. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a Voluntary Contribution towards the cost of additional activities which take place in school time. 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.

Remissions

Where the parents of a pupil are in receipt of income support or family credit, the Governing Body will offer to remit in full the cost of full board and lodging for any residential activity which is deemed to take place in school hours or where it forms part of the syllabus for the National Curriculum, as per the DfE Charging for School Activities document.

The Governing Body 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. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. Authorisation for such remission will be made by the Principal in consultation with the Chair of Governors and in light of the DfE Charging for School Activities document.

SEE: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charging-for-school-activities>