

CHARGING POLICY

The Education Reform Act (1988) states that –

“Activities offered wholly or mainly during normal teaching times should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost”

From the UNICEF , UN Convention of the rights of a Child – **Article 26 of Rights Respecting School' Governments must provide money for children of families in need** ; no student would be refused access to an activity or outing because of their inability to contribute .

Charges will not be made for

- All activities aimed at meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum, offered during normal teaching times i.e. all schooling.

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- Material and ingredients used in some craft and cookery sessions, if parents indicate in advance that they wish to own the end product (e.g. a model or a cake or if the child is going to eat the product for lunch).
- Board and lodging for residential educational visits deemed to take place in school hours.

Voluntary contributions will be sought for

- Cost of travel and educational expenses on a residential activity. This, together with board and lodging, comprises the cost of a residential visit. Parents should meet the costs of board and lodging on all residential trips. Parents in receipt of family credit, income based jobseekers allowance or income support are entitled to claim remission.
- Cost of travel and educational expenses on a class outing or educational visit e.g. train fare, admission fee. Parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution. No child would be excluded from an outing or educational visit if parents choose not to contribute. ST Ann's School asks parents to make a termly £30 contribution to the voluntary fund . This money is used to subsidise student who cannot meet the costs of trips , and to supplement some activities that would not be afforded without additional contributions .
- Charges for leasing out school premises – given the nature of student attending St Ann's and the need to maintain rigorous health and standards the Governing Body has made a decision not to lease out the premises, when students are on site being educated .

However in line with e a commitment to the local Community the Governing Body will from time to time make school resources available to the local community groups providing a senior member of staff is on site . A donation will be requested for this facility.

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ANNEX 3:- POLICY ON CHARGING AND REMISSIONS FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES to provide community facilities

The responsibility for determining charges and remissions (above the statutory minimum) for all the activities noted, except for music lessons, is with individual governing bodies.

ITEM	AUTHORITY CHARGING POLICY	AUTHORITY REMISSIONS POLICY	GOVERNING BODY CHARGING POLICY	GOVERNING BODY REMISSIONS POLICY
Individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument	No charge		Not applicable	No
Entry fees for examinations not on the list of prescribed public examinations	Charge to parents	No remission	Individual governing bodies to determine charges and remission	
Preparation of pupils for entry for examinations not on the list of prescribed public examinations	No charge		Individual governing bodies to determine charges and remission	
Entry fees for re-sit of prescribed public examinations where no further preparation is provided by the school	Charge to parents	No remission	Individual governing bodies to determine charges and remission	
Entry fees where pupil has fails without producing a medical certificate to complete the requirements for any prescribed public examination for which the Authority has paid	Schools to seek a medical certificate from parents	No remission	Individual Governing Bodies to determine charges and remission	
Non-residential visits and other activities outside school hours and not required as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or to fulfill statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or religious education	Leave to Individual Governing Bodies		Individual governing bodies to determine charges and remission	

Board and lodging for field study trips for all approved examination courses	Charge to parents	Remission to pupils whose parents qualify for Free schools meals under the Authority's criteria	Charges and remission
Board and lodging on residential visits during school hours	Leave to Individual Governing Bodies	Leave to Individual Governing Bodies to decide whether to grant only a statutory remission or to go beyond it	Charges and remission
Residential visits outside school hours and not required as part of the prescribed public examination or to fulfill statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or religious education	Leave to the Individual Governing Bodies		Individual governing bodies to decide on charges and remission