



Phoenix Arch School

Charging and Remission

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every three years or sooner if required.

Date ratified: May 2018

Date of Review: May 2021

INTRODUCTION

At Phoenix Arch School the Governors are committed to a free and comprehensive education, which ensures equality of access and opportunity for all pupils. We want to provide a range of experiences which add excitement and enjoyment to children's learning and personal development. All our pupils should benefit from school visits, curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Many of these activities have a cost associated with them and, unfortunately, cannot be provided unless we ask parents for a contributions and, in some cases, make a charge. But there are some strict rules we have to abide by. Our charging policy, which has been agreed by governors, sets out what we will charge for, how we will try to make it manageable for parents and how we will help parents with limited incomes.

MUSIC TUITION

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

Where a school activity requires pupils to spend nights away from home, the governing body will make a charge for board and lodging whether or not the residential trip is deemed to have taken place in school hours. The charge will not exceed the cost of the board and lodging provided for each pupil involved.

Where a trip is deemed to have taken place outside school hours, charges not exceeding the cost may also be levied for travel.

Where a pupil participates in a residential trip deemed to take place in school hours, the governing body will endeavour to subsidise the board and lodging charges and travel costs for a Pupil Premium pupil whose parents are in receipt of income support, family credit, an income-based jobseekers allowance (payable under the Jobseekers Act 1995), or Disability Living Allowance.

TRANSPORT

In general, any transport provided by the governing body in school hours for regular activities, such as swimming, will be provided free of charge. However, where a pupil makes use of transport not provided by the school to travel direct from home to an activity sanctioned, though not provided by the school, parents will be expected to meet the costs of such travel. Parents will be asked to make a contribution to cover the cost of transport for visits to places of educational interest. No child will be excluded from the trip if a contribution is not made. However, if sufficient contributions are not forthcoming, the school reserves the right not to proceed with the activity.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

The Education Act 1996 states that no charge can be made for activities that take place wholly or mainly during school hours though parents can be invited to make voluntary contributions. Parents will be asked to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of visits to places of educational interest in line with section 4.2 of this act.

CLOTHING

Although no charge will be made for 'equipment' for use in connection with education provided during school hours, clothing is specifically excluded from the definition of equipment. Parents can therefore be asked to provide their children with such things as painting aprons, PE and sports kit, and football boots.

GAMES AND SWIMMING

No charge will be made towards the transport costs of games and swimming, which take place during the school day.

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