

Charging and Remissions Policy

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Policy Statement

The Governing Body of Meade Hill School and Castlefield Campus recognise the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards our pupils' education and experiences. 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.

Implementation and Monitoring

Charges

The Governing Body will not in all circumstances charge but reserves the right to make a charge for the following activities organised by the school:

- The board and lodging element of approved residential activities deemed to take place in school hours
- The cost of meals, refreshments and entrance fees
- Activities outside School Hours
- The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours.

Charging in Kind

Materials and ingredients: the cost of materials or ingredients for art and design, food, hospitality and catering, are financed by the school. Additional uniform items will be supplied at cost on request from parents / carers.

School Property

The Governors reserve the right to charge parents for non-accidental damage to, or loss of school property or can request that pupils make reparations for the cost of the damage.

General

The Governing Body may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. 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

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 Headteacher.