

CHATER JUNIOR SCHOOL

POLICY FOR CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The charging and remissions policy of Herts County Council has been adopted by the members of the Governing Body.

A copy can be found in 'Primary Policy Guidance' in the 'Guidelines for School Management' kept in the school office.

The Governing Body wishes to ensure that all pupils have access to all areas of the life of the school, regardless of the parents' ability to pay.

The Governors recognise the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, trips and residential experiences can make towards children's personal and social education.

Chater Junior School aims to promote and provide such activities, both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for our pupils and as additional optional activities.

CHARGES

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school.

Activities in School Hours

In the event of activities organised by the school during school hours involving the need for payment to be made, voluntary contributions are sought from the parents to cover the cost of these activities. No child is excluded from participating in the activities because of non-payment of the contribution, but it is necessary for a substantial number of parents to contribute before the activity can go ahead. In the event of there not being sufficient contributions, the school may have to cancel the activity.

School Journeys

In the case of activities partly during the school day, and partly out of school hours, charges will be made for the time outside school hours, and for board and lodging on residential school journeys, e.g. Cuffley Camp.

Activities Outside School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of the following activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours:

e.g. theatre trips, concert visits, sporting activities

Individual Instrument Tuition

The cost to the pupil for providing the following peripatetic instrumental tuition:

Musical instruments as taught by Hertfordshire County Council peripatetic music teachers

Charging in Kind

The cost of materials, ingredients, equipment (or the provision of them by parents)

e.g. for Design and Technology and Art

The Governing Body may 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 activities for which a charge is being made.

Nothing in this policy precludes the Governing Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing education for pupils.

REMISSION OF CHARGES

In the case of activities partly during the school day and partly out of school hours, such as residential school journeys, the headteacher and governors will consider sympathetically cases of genuine need seeking help with these charges, and will remit those they feel are necessary, in part or in full, from the school's budget.

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