

Goldsworth Trust

Charging and Remissions Policy



Introduction

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of additional activities, including clubs, visits and residential experiences can make towards pupils' personal and social 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. Some activities can only take place if parents are prepared to make voluntary contributions.

Charges

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

1. Residential Visits

It is the intention to charge the actual cost of providing board and lodging to each participating pupil.

Governors will also request that travel, pocket money and entrance fees be covered by a voluntary payment to enable the visit to take place.

2. Day Visits/Visitors

Governors anticipate that the staff of each school year will plan visits/visitors to provide extension to the work in the classroom. It is essential that parents make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of these visits.

3. Activities outside School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours will be charged: swimming club, concerts, theatre visits, etc.

Charging in kind

Parents are requested to make a yearly voluntary contribution towards the cost of the following:

- The cost of materials, ingredients and equipment for Art, Science and Design Technology.
- Everyday stationery (such as pencils, pens, rulers, etc.)
- Breakages or damage to school premises/equipment/books.
- Cost of specials weeks and events.

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 providing education for pupils.

The Governing Body reserves the right to cancel any trip or activities as listed above if the costs cannot be met.

Remissions

Where the parents/carers of a pupil are in receipt of income support, family credit, disability working allowance or income based jobseekers allowance (or there may be cases of family hardship which make it difficult for pupils to take part in particular activities for which a charge is made,) or the school are in receipt of Pupil Premium money, the Governing Body will invite parents to apply in confidence for the remission of charges in part or in full. Authorisation of remission will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

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Wise Owl Club - Breakfast and After School

“This policy also applies to Wise Owl Club and where it refers to pupils this applies to, where appropriate, all pupils attending the Wise Owl Club”

**Also Staff Handbook applied to Wise Owl employees.