

Charging and Remissions Policy 2024

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Marden Bridge Middle School

Charging and Remissions Policy

The Governing Body is committed to the general principle of free school education. It recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities, including school visits, residential experiences and clubs, can make towards all aspects of a student's education.

The Governing Body reserves the right to make a charge for the following activities which may from time to time be organised by the school.

After school clubs

Presently all after school clubs taken by staff are free. The school may offer additional paid clubs after school. A qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff may run and organise these sessions. The coaches may make their own charges.

Breakage and Damage to School Property

The Governing Body reserves the right to request payment from parents / carers where their children have caused breakages or damage to school property where this is as a result of the student's behaviour.

Lettings

The Governing Body reserves the right to let internal and external areas of the school for community and public use. The lettings fees charged will at a minimum reflect any expenses incurred for running and staffing costs.

Residential Activities Held During School Hours

Residential visits are optional. Charges for residential visits cover board, lodging, travel, insurance and any additional costs levied by the travel company. School endeavours to keep costs to a minimum. Any child not attending the residential visit is educated in school as normal.

If a child drops out of the residential for whatever reason the deposit will not be refunded. School has to pay deposits up front to hold the place at their residential.

Residential Activities Held Out of School Hours

These will sometimes include day and residential experiences. Charges may be made for these activities except where they are provided to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Years 5. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We swim every Tuesday afternoon at Waves. There is no cost to parents / carers for the swimming lessons, however we do ask for a contribution towards the coach hire.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips or visits, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents / carers to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents / carers have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. If a parent / carer wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents / carers have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents / carers. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums;
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- Outdoor adventure activities;
- Visits to the theatre;
- Musical events.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Governing Body Staffing & Finance Committee.