

St. Clement's C. of E. Academy

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Charging and Remissions Policy Statement

1. Context

The Governing Body at St. Clement's C of E Academy recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of additional activities including trips and residential experiences can make towards a pupil's education.

The Governing Body aims to promote and provide activities as part of a balanced and broad curriculum for pupils of the Academy and as additional optional activities.

In practice this means that children have the benefit to participate fully in the school curriculum and contribute to all aspects of school life.

- 2. <u>The Governing Body at St. Clement's C of E Academy have noted that the Education Act</u> <u>1996 allows charges to be made in the following areas:</u>
- Optional Extras Activities that are not related to the National Curriculum or to prescribed public examinations or to fulfil religious education taking place outside of school hours
- Individual Instrumental Tuition Instrumental tuition not related to the National Curriculum or to prescribed public examinations

3. Board and Lodging - Charges

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

• Residential Visits taking place during school hours

The full costs will incur to each pupil of Board and Lodging unless you are in receipt of the following state benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided there is no Working Tax Entitlement and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit





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4. Remissions

The Governing Body wishes to try and ensure that the level of visits and activities provided at the Academy continue but emphasise to parents that this can only happen with their full support and that activities may either be substantially reduced or ceased altogether if parents are not prepared to contribute voluntarily.

The Governing Body recognises that parents are not debarred from making voluntary contributions in any situation including those in receipt of the qualifying benefits (as set out above in section 3), allowing contribution towards the costs of Board and Lodgings if they so wish.

The Governing Body also notes that there are no restrictions on the level of voluntary contribution that can be made, nor are there any restrictions as to the use which such contributions may be put forward.

5. Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions may be requested from parents to cover the cost of educational visits such as materials, bus/train fares, entrance fees, school visits

- The Governing Body notes that no charges (other than those for Board and Lodgings) may be levied for school activities taking place during school hours
- Voluntary contributions must be genuinely voluntary
- There is no obligation on parents to contribute and
- Pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution

6. <u>General</u>

The Charging and Remissions policy for St. Clement's C of E Academy will, for the time being, be as follows:

- The Governors reserve the right to make charges where the law allows
- Individual instrumental tuition, if able to be accommodated, at the wishes of parents, will be on the understanding that parents meet the full tuition costs involved
- From time to time, it may be possible for costs of trips and activities to be subsided either wholly or in part from private School Funds. Parents will be informed if such occasions arise
- Should the Governing Body choose to hold residential visits in school time, remission of Board and Lodging costs will be provided by the school to those who are receiving state benefits as detailed in section 3

The Governing Body has instructed the Head Teacher to include in the school's Disciplinary Policy that parents will be asked to meet or contribute towards the costs of damage to or loss of school property arising out of individual pupil's behaviour.

