



The Park School

Charging Policy

Statement of Policy

We enable students to achieve their full potential through a wide variety of opportunities and experiences. This document sets out the school's policy for charging for the provision of our wide variety of opportunities and experiences. Whilst the intention is to apply the policy equally in order to promote fairness, every effort will be made to ensure that no child is prevented from participating because of financial circumstances.

Day Trips and residential experiences

Charges levied for day or residential trips will represent the actual cost of providing the trip without any profit being made. Frequently trips are supported by school funding streams or charitable sponsorship.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the voluntary contributions are made but, if insufficient funding is received, the school reserves the right to cancel the trip.

If a child may be prevented from participating in an outing because of financial hardship, consideration is given to reducing the voluntary contribution expected. Any shortfall is then met from Pupil Premium funding. Students are treated equally regardless of the amount of voluntary contribution made by their parents.

Where sponsorship or donations have been received towards the cost of the trips, it is for the school to decide how to use them. Contributions may be offset against the cost of the trips as a whole or used to reduce or remit the charge for individual students who would be unable to participate because of financial hardship.

We are fortunate enough to have 4 school vehicles that are used on a daily basis for visits and outings. Whilst the school funds the majority of the running costs, we sometimes ask parents for a very small donation towards the petrol. Students frequently are provided with amazing opportunities that broaden their curriculum and life experiences. Examples within the last year have been going to the cinema, music concerts, museum and art gallery visits, playing cricket at The Oval, competing in sporting events, visiting Harry Potter World and

exploring areas of London. Whilst entrance fees and tickets are often heavily sponsored, it is sometimes necessary to make a charge for these and a nominal contribution towards petrol costs.

Charges for curriculum resources

We ask parents for £10 per term towards the cost of ingredients for food technology. The school funds the majority of the cost but asks for this contribution towards the items that students take home with them.

From time to time students make items in art and design that they may want to take them home. In that instance we ask for a small contribution towards the cost.

Contribution to the Fund held by The Friends of The Park School

The Friends of The Park raise money throughout the year to enhance the learning experiences of the students. They may provide, for example, visits from theatre companies or curriculum related workshops and resources. They are always grateful of sponsorship or donation opportunities.

They can be contacted through the school office – Julie Smith 01483 772 057

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