

PERRYFIELDS HIGH SCHOOL

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Charges and Remissions Policy

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Charging and Remissions Policy Statement

Rationale

The Governing Body of Perryfields High School and Sixth Form College recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' 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.

Context

The law states that education provided during school hours must be free. This definition includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Authority or the School. No pupil may be left out of an activity because their parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind.

Aims

- To make school activities accessible to pupils regardless of family income
- To provide a process, which will allow activities to take place at a minimum cost, to parents, pupils and the school.

Charges

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

Activities outside School Hours

The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras that are not a necessary part of the national curriculum.

Individual Instrumental Tuition

Tuition costs are reviewed on an annual basis.

Pupil Premium

A full update relating to Pupil Premium is on our website. Please refer to our policy.

Damage/Loss to Property

A charge will be levied in respect of wilful damage, neglect or loss of school property (including premises, furniture, equipment, books or materials). The charge will be the cost of replacement or repair, or a lower cost may be set at the decision of the Head Teacher. A charge will be levied in respect of wilful damage, neglect or loss of property (including premises, furniture, equipment, books or materials) belonging to a third party, where the cost has been recharged to the school. The charge to be the cost of replacement or repair, or a lower cost may be set at the decision of the Principal.

Remissions

There will be no obligation for any parent to make a contribution towards the cost of school activities (during school time) and to the School Fund. Pupils will not be treated differently whether or not their parents have made a contribution.

The Governing Body may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. The Head Teacher, in consultation with the Chair of Governors, will make authorisation for such remission.

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 additional activities, which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying student will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.