

Charging and Remissions Statement (R.E.A.L Independent School)

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18/10/2015: - Policy created.

15/03/2016 - Policy updated to include introduction and the criteria where parents/carers may be eligible for support and assistance for chargeable activities.

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the national curriculum.

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed regularly or earlier if necessary.

Charging statement

The Leadership team affirms that there will be no charge for activities which form part of the curriculum or form part of the course for specified examinations. However, the Leadership team recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including visits and residential experience can make towards pupils' personal and social education.

The Leadership team 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. The Leadership team will always look to utilise the Pupil Premium funding, where possible, to reduce any charges however, in certain circumstances a charge may be requested, eg.

- a. The cost of activities deemed to be optional extras taking place outside school hours. Such activities might include visits to the theatre, visits to museums, etc.
- b. The cost of materials, ingredients and equipment (or the provision of them by parents) for certain subjects, for example Food Technology.
- c. The cost of entering a pupil for an examination which is not prescribed by the DFE, or for the re-taking of an examination for which the school has not prepared the pupil, or for entering a pupil for a prescribed examination for which the pupil has not been prepared by the school, or where the Governors, on the advice of the Headteacher, decide the pupil should not be entered.
- d. Where the school suffers damage or school property is damaged or lost, the Leadership team reserves the right to recover the full or part cost of making good the damage or loss from the parents of pupils. This right may be exercised whether the damage or loss was caused by deliberate vandalism or by negligence.

The Leadership team does not wish any pupil to be denied educational opportunity because of lack of funds. The Leadership team will consider the remit of all or part of the charges for any activities deemed appropriate as part of an extended curriculum.

Remissions Policy

Those parents/carers in receipt of one or more of the credits below may be offered assistance in paying for the activity or a longer period of instalments will be made available to enable their child to access the activity.

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit; and
- An income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008
- Any other circumstance deemed reasonable by the governing body or headteacher