

All Saints Catholic College



Charging and Remissions Policy

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CHARGING AND REMISSIONS

In accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988, the Governing Board reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

1. Board and lodging on residential visits.
2. Costs associated with individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument, whether in or out of school hours (unless it is provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination, or is required by the National Curriculum, or if such costs are met directly by Tameside Local Authority).
3. Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours, but which are not provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination and are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education.
4. The cost of entering a pupil for a public examination not prescribed in regulations, and for preparing the pupil for such an examination outside school hours.
5. Results of prescribed public examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school.
6. Failure to sit the final examination or to produce the required associated course work in cases where there is no good reason for such failure.
7. Damage to or breakages of school equipment and property which are a result of deliberate or negligent acts committed by an identified pupil or pupils.
8. The costs of materials, ingredients or equipment, either financially or 'in kind' for such materials as may be used in Food Technology and Resistant Materials, where parents/carers have indicated in advance their wish to own the finished product.

The Governing Board 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 Board from inviting parents/carers to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing education for pupils.

REMISSIONS

The Governing Board has agreed that some activities and visits will be offered at no charge, or at a reduced charge, to parents/carers in particular circumstances. Remission of the fees to be charged for pupils to take part in activities will apply where parents/carers fall within the Government benefit limits in relation to income and the eligibility criteria for free school meals. Details of this can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Other parents/carers who are experiencing serious financial difficulties may request help with some costs, which will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Governing Board.