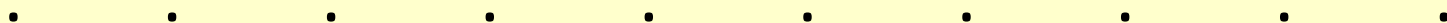


Moorside High School

Charges for Activities Policy



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In accordance with Section 440 – 462 of the Education Act 1996, the Governing Body make no charge for education or educational activities provided during school hours as part of the published curriculum. However, the Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards the personal and social education of pupils. The Governing Body therefore reserves the right to levy charges for the following activities arranged by the school, which will not exceed actual cost of the activity.

1. Residential visits partly or fully during school hours.

Pupils will be required to pay for all such visits except the necessary part of the National Curriculum, RE visits. The Governors will consider applications for financial support for those parents who are in receipt of Income Support, Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance or Income based Jobseekers Allowance or receive Pupil Premium.

2. Music.

If pupils make use of an instrument provided by the school or Authority, a charge will be made in respect of maintenance of the instrument in accordance with the Authorities published scale of charges. A charge may also be made in respect of the cost of tuition and this will be levied at £50.00 per term, or £150.00 per annum, in advance and reviewed on annual basis.

3. Material for practical lessons.

Voluntary contributions or provisions of goods in kind may be requested from parents for materials for practical lessons (Design Technology, Food Technology or other subject areas as the Governing Body may from time to time determine), if parents indicate in advance a wish to own the finished product.

4. Visits in support of the curriculum, which are desirable but not essential.

The Governing Body recognise that the school may wish to offer opportunities for pupils to broaden the range of experiences in connection with certain curriculum areas during school hours. Such opportunities might comprise an educational visit to an historic site, a theatre visit; work in an art gallery or museum or use of swimming pools.

The Governing Body's policy is to encourage the school to work jointly with parents in this respect, and invite voluntary contributions from parents, either generally to school funds or specifically for certain activities, in accordance with section 460 of the 1996 Act.

In encouraging such co-operation the Governing Body is anxious to ensure that pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution.

5. Examination Fees

Pupils entered for examinations by the school will not be liable for payment unless they fail to meet the agreed conditions:

- a) The level of entry must be approved by the school
- b) The candidate is disqualified by not submitting coursework
- c) The candidate must not miss the examination (in cases of illness a Doctor's certificate must be supplied). Examination charges are available from the Examinations Officer.

6. Photocopying & Telephone Calls

Any personal photocopying will be charged at the rate of 5p per copy and telephone calls will be charged at a standard rate of 25p (international calls are not to be made from the premises). Monies should be paid to the Finance Manager for banking into the school budget via the usual channels.

The Governing Body may, from time to time, review and amend the categories of activities for which charges can be made.

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