

THE FRIARY SCHOOL

Charging Policy

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This policy is designed to support School Aim No. 1 and Objectives 4, 6 and 14.

Principles

The Governors endorse the guiding principles contained in Sections 106-111 and 117-118 of the Education Reform Act 1988; in particular that no child should have access to the curriculum limited by charges. The intention throughout is to establish and maintain a fair and coherent system of charges within the constraints of the school budget.

Requests for help from parents on income support or family credit will be considered and assistance provided in confidence wherever possible.

Practice

- ◆ Charges will not be made for any activities which form part of a prescribed examination syllabus, or are in fulfilment of National Curriculum requirements.
- ◆ Activities which are wholly or mainly within school hours should not normally be chargeable. However, instrumental music tuition and/or loan of instruments will be charged unless this is part of a public examination or National Curriculum course. [There is a separate document on instrumental music tuition – available from the Director of Music].
- ◆ In practical subjects parents may be asked for the full or partial cost of material or ingredients if they have indicated in advance that they wish to own the finished product.
- ◆ Voluntary contributions may be invited for trips which take place mainly within school hours. No child will be excluded because of inability to pay but the school may have to cancel the trip if the level of contributions does not meet its budgetary requirements.
- ◆ Trips which take place mainly out of school hours are usually chargeable.
- ◆ Board, lodging and travel costs will be charged on residential trips, subject to statutory exceptions.
- ◆ The cost of examination entries for subjects taught within the school will normally be met by the school. Students who absent themselves from an examination without a valid reason will be charged the appropriate entry fee.
- ◆ Sixth form students who wish to re-sit an AS or A2 module in order to improve their original grade will be asked to pay the entry fee.
- ◆ The school will pay fees incurred in connection with any College link course and will consider assistance with any additional transport costs on an individual basis.

A brief summary of this policy will be included in the School Prospectus.