

Oak Bank School Policy

CHARGING AND REMISSION POLICY



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SCALE OF CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

The 1998 Education Act limits the circumstances in which schools can request money from parents See Appendix A. However, schools are still able to ask parents for voluntary contributions.

The school's governing body has adopted the charging policy drawn up in line with the Education Act.

Briefly, this means that the school can charge parents to cover the costs of:

Music tuition for individuals which takes place in, or out, of school hours, and that which is not required to fulfil the National Curriculum's requirements for Music.

Activities taking place outside (or mainly outside) school hours and which are not necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum, or Religious Education.

Board and lodging on all types of residential visits.

Materials involved in producing a 'finished product' from a lesson where the parent has indicated a 'desire to own the product.'

1. School Building/grounds hire:-

See Lettings Policy Procedure.

2. Private Telephone/Fax Calls from Oak Bank school

Private calls are not permitted, however in extreme circumstances the following charges apply.

Mobile	20p per Minute
Local and National	10p per Minute
Fax	10p per Minute

3. Private photocopying

Black and White	5p per copy
Colour	10p per copy

4. Uniform

Clothing is sold at cost price, with the exception of Level two items which are part of the Behaviour policy.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Throughout the year there are likely to be day visits organised for classes in conjunction with their topic work, or visits to the school by Theatres or Workshops etc. Such visits play an important part in the school curriculum, extending the learning that is started in the classroom and no child is excluded for financial reasons. Parents are invited to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of these visits, to enable the school to continue with such worthwhile activities. Details of the approximate cost will be sent home and, providing we are able to get the necessary support, we will confirm bookings and collect the money. There will always be provision to pay by instalments.

Parents who are in receipt of Income Support should contact the school office, as assistance may be available from the school fund or other donations in order for the trip to proceed.

5. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

The Governors will expect parents to refund the school wholly or to an agreed sum, if their children cause damage to school property

6. DINNER MONEY

Dinner money for collections from students will be as from the 16th April 2013 £2:00 per day (£10.00 per week)

Appendix A:

In accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988 and the policy of the Governing Body the Governors will:

- a) Not charge pupils for activities wholly or mainly outside school hours which are part of the National Curriculum, statutory subjects or in preparation for a public examination.
- b) Not charge pupils for examination entries unless the pupil has failed to meet the requirements of the course or fails to attend for the examination for no good reason.
- c) Not charge pupils for books, materials, equipment, instruments or transport necessary to fulfil the requirements of courses taught at the school or in preparation for public examinations. However the school reserves the right to charge pupils for any of the above in the event of loss or damage due to the pupil's negligence.
- d) Request voluntary contributions from parents for out of school activities in a) above if sufficient funding would otherwise not be available, or in general.
- e) Look to parents for compensation, either in part or in whole, for damage to or loss of school property caused by the negligence or deliberate actions of their child.
- f) Not allow poverty to disenfranchise any child from taking a full and active part in the life of Oak Bank School. This includes such things as the purchase of items of school uniform in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Headteacher on a case-by-case basis.