



Braidwood School

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Charging and Remissions Policy Statement

REMEMBER: It is each member of staff's personal and individual responsibility to seek clarification if there is any part of this policy that you are uncertain of or do not understand

RATIONALE

The Governing Body of Braidwood Trust School for the Deaf recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards pupils' education.

The Governing Body 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.

CONTEXT

The law states that education provided during school hours must be free. This definition includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Authority or the School. No pupil may be left out of an activity because their parents cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind.

AIMS

- To make school activities accessible to pupils regardless of family income.
- To provide a process which allows activities to take place at a minimum cost to parents, pupils and the school and;
- Which acknowledges the cost of such activities to the school's budget.

CHARGES

The governing body reserves the right to make a charge in the following circumstances for activities organised by the school:

• RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE LARGELY DURING SCHOOL HOURS

The full cost to each pupil of board and lodging. Parents have the right to claim free activities if they are in receipt of state benefits which result in an entitlement to Free School Meals.

• ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS

The full cost to each pupil of all approved activities deemed to be optional extras that are not a necessary part of the national curriculum.

• INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

The full cost to the pupil for providing any instrumental tuition if the cost is not an essential part of the national curriculum or examination syllabus

REMISSIONS

There will be no obligation for any parent to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of school activities and to the School Fund. Pupils will not be treated differently whether or not their parents have made a contribution. The general principle of the school is that it will not charge parents for activities.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary contributions may be requested from parents to cover the cost of the following activities:

Cost of materials, e.g. ingredients for Food Technology lessons

GENERAL

The Governing Body 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 Body from inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of additional activities, which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.

Date agreed by the Governing Body: 5th July 2018

Signed: (Chair of the Governing Body)