

Charging and Remissions Policy



THRYBERGH FULLERTON C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Diocese of Sheffield Academies Trust regards education as an aspect of our growth as children of God. The Trust seeks to act in the spirit of grace.

Principles

The position of the Academy Trust is clear, that no child's education should be in any way compromised by the ability of their parents or carers to pay.

In some cases, Pupil Premium may be used to support those pupils who are at risk of a disadvantaged experience due to their financial circumstance.

Policy

The Academy Governing Body is required by law to publish a policy on charging for academy activities. The Education Act 1996 establishes the basic principle that the education provided by any maintained academy/academy for its registered pupils should be free of charge. This basic underlying principle requires that there should be no academy admission charge and no charge for any related activity which takes place during academy time. Exceptions to this general statement are as follows:

Individual tuition in playing a musical instrument may be charged for provided that it is not part of the National Curriculum or part of the syllabus for a prescribed Public Examination

Where parents have indicated that they wish to have the finished product from a particular lesson, e.g. individual craft items, pottery, needlework, cookery, etc., a charge may be made to cover materials

For all residential visits deemed to be within academy hours, or part of the National Curriculum or part of the Syllabus for the prescribed Public Examination, a charge for board and lodging will be made, except for families in receipt of family credit or income support. Negotiations will be discussed with the families concerned.

Optional visits or activities occurring outside of academy hours may be charged for in full

Within the Education Act it is possible for schools/academies to ask for voluntary contributions from parents. The Board of Directors of the Trust has therefore approved the following:

Voluntary contributions can be invited from parents towards the cost of academy activities which are related to the life and work of the academy. Such contributions will be genuinely voluntary, and no child whose parents feel unable to contribute will be treated differently from the rest

Parents not wishing to make a voluntary contribution, in whole or part, but wishing their child to be included, must make the fact known directly to the Headteacher who will treat any such approach in strictest confidence

Academy visits and activities will be planned in advance and, if sought, voluntary contributions will usually be invited through individual letters to parents. The letter asking for support will outline the proposed visit, its cost, educational value and relationship to the academy curriculum.

If insufficient voluntary contributions are received and the trip is considered by the Headteacher to not be financially viable, it will be cancelled and any monies received returned

School educational visits will cost parents no more than £15. Where the cost of the visit exceeds this, the difference will be paid by school.

Within the academy's home-school agreement, compulsory charges may be made by the academy for:

replacement of broken windows or fittings, defaced or damaged text books, or any other damage or loss occurring as a result of pupils' bad behaviour. The academy is empowered to recover this loss and all resultant costs as a civil debt

unpaid charges legally recoverable will also be recouped, together with resultant costs, as a civil debt

Any amendments to this policy will be made if and when necessary.

Children whose parents are in receipt of certain 'support' payments may be eligible for further remissions. Please contact the Headteacher for information.

A refund or credit will be given to a child who is ill on the day of the visit.

Nursery

Where parents/carers wish for their child to attend for additional hours, where they do not automatically receive a funded place, a charge of £5.24 per hour will be made.

Breakfast and afterschool club

For children who attend breakfast club a charge of £3.50 will be made.

For children who attend after school club a charge of £6.50 will be made.

Dinners

Dinners for Nursery are charged at £2.10 and £2.60 for children in year 3 and above.

Review

This policy will be renewed annually. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the academy.