



REACH SCHOOL

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Charging and Remissions Policy

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Introduction

This policy has been produced to set out the approach of REACH School to charging and remissions. Section 1 is concerned with charges to students. Section 2 relates to Commissioning Top-Up fees.

The policy aims to provide transparency in setting charges and ensure consistency in implementation of the Charging Policy.

In implementing this policy, the school aims to make sure that means of a family are never a barrier to students learning and engaging, however, where possible our aspiration is for parents/guardians to fully engage and take responsibility for their children.

Section 1

Student Charges

1.1 School Meals

There is no charge to students for meals.

1.2 Active Citizenship Activities

There is no charge to students for these activities.

1.3 Transport to school

All students entitled to free school meals and those that travel more than 3 miles to school shall receive a bus pass. The Head teacher may also use discretion to fund travel costs to improve attendance.

1.4 Transport to Work Related Learning (WRL) Placement

Students required to travel to WRL placements shall be entitled to receive a free bus pass.

1.5 Cost of Materials

No charge will be made for materials, ingredients or equipment used in curriculum activities.

1.6 Examination Entries

The Governing body reserve the right to make a charge for the entry costs of examinations that are wasted without reason acceptable to the school.

1.7 Lost Equipment

The Governing body reserve the right to charge the cost of replacement for equipment and books that are loaned to students as part of their studies and are not returned in the prescribed time.

1.8 Breakages and damage to school buildings, furniture or property

The cost of repair caused by wilful damage to the school building or property may be charged to parent/guardians.

The Governing Body reserve the right to amend the charging policy at any time. Notwithstanding this the policy shall be reviewed every two years.

Section 2

Commissioner Top-Up Fees

2.1 Year 10 & 11 Students

Commissioning schools from within the South Network will be charged £7,500 top-up fee for each student for each year or part year of student placement at REACH (For example, a base school will be charged £7,500 for Year 10 provision and £7,500 for Year 11). This is on a pay per day placement for 4 weeks and then full payment is charged. This allows time for base school and Reach to ensure the placement is appropriate for the student.

Where student placements start in June or July, in the South Network, a £750 charge will be levied for the remainder of the academic year to contribute to REACH costs for work related learning etc. This is a one-off payment as soon as the placement commences.

Commissioning schools from outside of South Network will be charged £8,500 top-up fee for each year or part year of a student placement at REACH. This is on a pay per day placement for 4 weeks and then full payment is charged.

Where student placements start in June or July, from outside of the South Network, a £1,200 charge will be levied for the remainder of the academic year to contribute to REACH costs for work related learning etc. This is a one-off payment as soon as the placement commences.

Commissioning through SENAR will be charged £12,500 with additional monies charged varying dependent upon the student's needs and requirements.

2.2 Fees for External Provision

Where a student is allocated a place at REACH, but it is subsequently decided by REACH to place them in alternative provision, the cost of alternative provision will be met by REACH. The Commissioning schools will pay REACH the usual £7,500 or £8,500 top-up fee.

Where students come to REACH with a prior commitment to additional ongoing costs, those costs will be re-charged to the commissioning school in addition to the usual REACH top –up fee.

2.3 Variations

The Head teacher may, from time to time, exercise discretion to vary the usual charging policy. All variations shall be reported to the Chair of Governors.