

Bishop Challoner Catholic College



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Charging and Remissions

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including clubs, visits, extension activities and residential experiences can make towards students' academic, personal and social education.

Please note that the guidance in the 'Charging for School Activities policy reference: DfE-00244-2013 will be followed as part of this policy.

Aims

- The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for students of the school and as additional optional activities.
- To ensure any charges made meet the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act.

Charging Policy

1. A charge will be made for all board and lodging costs on residential visits, except where students are entitled by law to remission of such charges.
2. A charge will be made for activities, wholly or mainly outside school hours, which are not part of:
 - a. the National Curriculum
 - b. or statutory religious education
 - c. or preparation for a prescribed public examination.
3. No charge will be made for examination entries provided that:
 - a. the examination follows a course of study in the academic year in which the examination is taken
 - b. the student has completed satisfactorily the requirements of the examination, and has attended for the examination at the designated time and place.
4. No charges will be made in respect of any of the courses of study offered by the school as part of its curriculum, except where parents have indicated in advance their willingness to purchase a product arising from a course.
5. Parents/guardians will be asked to make contributions on a voluntary basis for certain school activities, both in or out of school time, where compulsory charges cannot be made. This will assist the school in its aim of providing as wide a range of educational opportunity as possible.
6. The school will seek to recover the full cost of damage to, or loss of, school property whether caused wilfully or by the negligence of students.
7. The Headteacher will decide, for any activity, the proportion of costs to be charged to public or other funds.
8. Any individual problem arising from the implementation of this policy will be resolved by the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors, and reported to the next meeting of the Curriculum Committee.

Remissions Policy

1. There will be no obligation for any parent/carer 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/carers have made a contribution.
2. The Governing Body may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups in case of family hardship. The Headteacher, on behalf of the Governing Body, will be responsible for authorising any such remission.

Conclusion

The Governing Body may from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy 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.