CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

Charging fairly. Removing barriers.
Protecting access.



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and should be read alongside any related policies, procedures and guidance.

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OUR COMMITMENT

At Riverside Bridge School, every policy reflects our commitment to creating a safe, inclusive and ambitious school community in which every pupil is valued, every voice matters and every family is respected and supported.

Our policies translate our values into consistent practice. They support high expectations, clear responsibilities, effective partnership and informed decision-making, ensuring that the needs, rights, wellbeing and future outcomes of our pupils remain at the heart of our work.

We work collaboratively, act with integrity and continually reflect upon and improve our practice to achieve the best possible outcomes for every pupil.

POLICY PRINCIPLES

Our Policy Principles underpin how we work together and guide the decisions and actions we take to support every pupil and their families.



POLICY PURPOSE & FRAMEWORK

Riverside Bridge School policies set out the expectations, responsibilities and approaches that support safe, consistent and high-quality practice across the school. They translate our values, statutory responsibilities and professional expectations into clear guidance for everyday decision-making and practice.

Each policy forms part of the Riverside Bridge School Policy Framework and should be read alongside any related policies, procedures, statutory guidance and school frameworks referenced within the document.

Policies apply to the members of the school community identified within each document, including staff, governors, parents and carers, volunteers, contractors and other professionals where relevant. Everyone is expected to understand and apply the requirements appropriate to their role and to seek further guidance where clarification is required.

CURRICULUM DRIVERS



Our Drivers provide a shared golden thread across curriculum, school life, policy and leadership, helping ensure that our decisions and practice remain focused on the experiences and futures we want for every pupil.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This policy sets out Riverside Bridge School's approach to charging and remissions. It establishes the principles, responsibilities and arrangements through which the school ensures that charges are made only where permitted, financial barriers to participation are reduced wherever possible and public funds are managed responsibly.

Riverside Bridge School is committed to ensuring that every pupil has access to a broad, balanced and ambitious education regardless of their family's financial circumstances. Educational visits, enrichment, curriculum experiences, community participation and opportunities beyond the classroom play an important role in developing pupils' knowledge, confidence, independence and Preparation for Adulthood.

As a specialist school, Riverside Bridge School recognises that many experiences which contribute substantially to pupils' learning may involve additional staffing, transport, specialist access arrangements, equipment or venue costs. These costs do not alter the school's responsibility to comply with statutory restrictions on charging. Where education must be provided free of charge, the school will not seek to convert a compulsory charge into a payment obligation for families.

Charges will only be made where legislation, funding requirements and the school's approved charging arrangements permit. Where a charge is made, parents and carers will be informed clearly in advance of the nature of the charge, the amount payable and whether participation depends upon payment.

Where a charge cannot lawfully be made, the school may request a voluntary contribution where appropriate. Any such request will make clear that the contribution is voluntary, that there is no obligation to contribute and that pupils will not be treated differently because their parent or carer is unable or unwilling to contribute.

The school recognises that some families experience financial hardship and will seek to reduce avoidable barriers through remissions, available funding, grants, partnerships and other appropriate support. Decisions will be made sensitively, consistently and within the financial authority delegated to the school.

The school will also ensure that pupils who are entitled to statutory or funded provision, including Free School Meals or other relevant support, are not denied that entitlement because of unrelated charges or debts.

Charging and remission arrangements will operate within Partnership Learning's wider financial governance framework. No member of staff may introduce, waive or vary a charge outside the authority provided by this policy, the Scheme of Financial Delegation or other Trust financial requirements.

Our responsibilities to pupils and families

Riverside Bridge School will ensure that:

- charges are made only where legally and financially permitted;
- parents and carers receive clear information before a charge is incurred;
- voluntary contributions are genuinely voluntary;
- pupils are not excluded from statutory educational provision because a parent or carer does not contribute;

- remissions and financial support are applied fairly and confidentially;
- statutory entitlements are protected;
- individual circumstances, including disability and financial hardship, are considered appropriately; and
- charges and remissions are recorded and authorised through appropriate financial controls.

Where an activity depends upon voluntary contributions and insufficient funding is available for it to proceed, the school may amend or cancel the activity. This possibility will be made clear when contributions are requested. Through these arrangements, Riverside Bridge School aims to protect pupils' entitlement to education while enabling the school to provide a broad range of additional experiences in a financially responsible and sustainable way.

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Section 01

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Setting expectations. Protecting access. Managing public funds responsibly.

The purpose of this policy is to establish Riverside Bridge School's framework for charging and remissions and to ensure that decisions about payment are lawful, fair, transparent and consistent.

Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996 establish restrictions and permissions relating to charging for school activities. Academies are required through their funding arrangements to comply with the law on charging for school activities. Current DfE guidance confirms that schools may charge only in defined circumstances and must have appropriate charging and remissions arrangements in place.

This policy therefore aims to:

- protect pupils' entitlement to free education;
- identify clearly the circumstances in which charges may lawfully be made;
- establish how voluntary contributions will be requested;
- ensure remissions are available where required;
- support equality of opportunity and participation;
- ensure charges are properly authorised and calculated;
- provide clarity to parents, carers and staff;
- support responsible stewardship of school and Trust funds.

This policy applies to pupils attending Riverside Bridge School and, where relevant, to students within the school's sixth-form provision.

It applies to educational activities, visits, optional extras, residential experiences, curriculum resources, music tuition, extended provision, school meals and other services where the school may be permitted to make a charge.

The statutory rules applying to compulsory-school-age pupils and the funding rules applying to 16-19 provision are not identical. Riverside Bridge School will therefore apply the legal or funding framework appropriate to the pupil or student concerned.

For post-16 students, charges will be considered in accordance with current 16–19 funding rules. Those rules allow certain optional or additional costs but do not permit institutions to charge tuition fees for publicly funded study programmes.

This policy does not itself determine the price of every individual activity. Specific costs will be communicated separately where relevant, but any charge must remain consistent with this policy and current statutory requirements.

Section 02

LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

Applying the law. Defining charging boundaries. Maintaining fairness.

Riverside Bridge School will operate charging and remissions arrangements in accordance with current legislation, Department for Education guidance and Partnership Learning financial requirements.

The principal framework includes:

- sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996;
- current Department for Education guidance on Charging for School Activities;
- applicable regulations relating to instrumental and vocal music tuition;
- Equality Act 2010;
- current 16-19 funding rules where applicable to sixth-form provision;
- Partnership Learning Financial Regulations;
- Partnership Learning Scheme of Financial Delegation;
- other relevant Trust, funding or statutory requirements.

Current DfE guidance confirms that education provided during school hours must generally be free, including necessary materials, books, instruments and equipment, subject to specific statutory exceptions. It also identifies the circumstances in which schools may charge for optional extras, board and lodging, certain music tuition, materials that parents wish pupils to own and other defined provision.

Charging policy requirement

A school may only make charges for activities for which charging is lawfully permitted and which fall within its approved charging policy. Where an activity does not fall within the statutory charging permissions, participation cannot be made conditional upon payment.

School hours

Whether an activity takes place during or outside school hours can affect whether a charge is permitted. Where an activity takes place partly during and partly outside school hours, the statutory rules for determining whether it is treated as occurring during school hours will be applied.

Current DfE guidance states that where 50% or more of the time spent on an activity occurs during school hours, the activity is treated as taking place during school hours.

Travel during school hours counts towards that calculation; the break in the middle of the school day does not.

Equality and SEND

Charging decisions will be made consistently with the Equality Act 2010. Riverside Bridge School will not use charging arrangements in a way that unlawfully disadvantages disabled pupils or pupils with other protected characteristics.

The need for reasonable adjustment or additional SEND support does not in itself create a lawful basis for charging parents for educational provision that must otherwise be provided free.

Where a pupil requires additional staffing, specialist transport, equipment or adaptation in order to access statutory educational provision, the school will determine responsibility for those costs through the appropriate educational, health, local authority or school funding arrangements rather than automatically transferring those costs to the family.

Section 03

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Clarifying accountability. Authorising charges. Communicating clearly.

The effective implementation of this policy depends upon clear financial authority, consistent decision-making and accurate communication.

The Governing Board provides local strategic oversight of charging and remissions arrangements. It will:

- approve this policy;
- receive assurance that charging arrangements comply with statutory requirements;
- ensure the policy reflects equality and access considerations;
- receive assurance that remissions are operated appropriately;
- monitor significant or recurring issues where relevant;
- act only within the authority delegated through Partnership Learning's governance arrangements.

The Headteacher has overall responsibility for implementing the policy at school level. The Headteacher will:

- ensure proposed charges are lawful and consistent with this policy;
- ensure staff understand the distinction between charges and voluntary contributions;
- ensure appropriate financial controls are followed;
- ensure families are informed clearly about costs;
- approve charges or remissions only within delegated authority;
- ensure concerns about financial hardship are considered appropriately;
- refer matters to Partnership Learning where the proposed action exceeds school-level authority.

Designated finance staff will support the administration of charging and remissions arrangements. They will:

- advise staff on the correct financial process;
- calculate and record charges accurately;
- collect income through approved systems;
- maintain appropriate records;
- support administration of remissions;
- monitor outstanding amounts where charges are legitimate;
- ensure income is accounted for correctly;
- escalate unusual or significant matters appropriately.

Staff planning a visit, activity or service must establish the financial arrangements before information is sent to families. They must:

- identify whether the activity is statutory educational provision, an optional extra or another chargeable service;
- seek approval before committing school funds or requesting money from families;
- identify the full anticipated cost;
- distinguish clearly between compulsory charges and voluntary contributions;
- consider available school, Trust, grant or external funding;
- identify whether remissions apply;
- provide accurate information to families;
- avoid entering into contractual commitments with providers before the activity has received the appropriate approval.

Parents and carers are expected to pay lawful charges where they choose for their child to participate in a chargeable optional activity or service. They are encouraged to contact the school where they:

- are unclear whether a payment is compulsory or voluntary;
- believe a charge has been made incorrectly;
- may qualify for remission;
- are experiencing financial difficulty;
- require reasonable adjustments to understand or access payment arrangements.

Information about individual financial circumstances will be handled sensitively and in accordance with the school's data-protection arrangements.

Section 04

ACTIVITIES WE CANNOT CHARGE FOR

Protecting entitlement. Removing financial barriers. Ensuring equal access.

Riverside Bridge School will not make a compulsory charge where legislation requires provision to be free.

Admission

No charge will be made for admission to Riverside Bridge School.

No financial contribution will be sought or considered as part of the admissions process.

Education during school hours

The school will not charge for education provided during school hours. This includes the supply of materials, books, instruments and other equipment necessary to deliver that education. Current DfE guidance confirms that these must ordinarily be provided free of charge. This applies equally where a pupil requires reasonable adjustment, specialist access or personalised curriculum approaches as part of their educational provision.

Education outside school hours

The school will not charge for education provided outside normal school hours where it is:

- part of the National Curriculum;
- part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination for which the pupil is being prepared by the school;
- part of statutory religious education.

The fact that an activity happens after the normal school day does not by itself make it chargeable.

Examinations

The school will not charge for entry to a prescribed public examination where the pupil has been prepared for that examination by the school. The school will not normally charge for examination re-sits where the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit by the school. Where legislation permits recovery of an examination fee because a pupil failed without good reason to meet an examination requirement, any decision to recover that fee will be made consistently with current DfE guidance and the pupil's individual circumstances. Current DfE guidance recognises this limited exception.

Music tuition forming part of statutory provision

The school will not charge for instrumental or vocal tuition where charging is prohibited by legislation, including where tuition forms an essential part of statutory curriculum provision. Detailed charging arrangements for additional music tuition are set out in Section 05.

Transport

The school will not charge for transport where the school, Trust or Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to provide it free of charge. This includes transport required:

- to enable a pupil to attend school where the statutory transport duty falls to the Local Authority;
- to enable a pupil to attend another premises where education has been arranged and the relevant statutory duty requires transport to be provided;
- to fulfil examination requirements where the relevant statutory charging restrictions apply;
- in other circumstances where legislation requires transport to be provided without charge.

Educational visits forming part of statutory provision

No compulsory charge will be made for the educational content of a visit undertaken during school hours or otherwise falling within statutory free educational provision. A voluntary contribution may nevertheless be requested towards the cost of such a visit in accordance with Section 06.

Residential visits

Where a residential visit is part of:

- the National Curriculum;
- a prescribed examination syllabus for which the pupil is being prepared;
- statutory religious education,

the educational element will be provided free of charge.

The school may, however, make a charge for board and lodging subject to the statutory rules and remissions described in Sections 05 and 07. The school will not charge parents for the cost of teachers required to deliver statutory education on a residential visit.

Section 05

ACTIVITIES WE MAY CHARGE FOR

Charging lawfully. Recovering actual costs. Communicating transparently.

Legislation permits schools to charge for specified activities and services.
Riverside Bridge School will only make a charge where the activity falls within a lawful charging category and the proposed charge has been appropriately authorised.

Optional extras

Charges may be made for activities that are genuinely optional extras. This may include:

- education provided wholly or mainly outside school hours that is not part of the National Curriculum, a prescribed examination syllabus or statutory religious education;
- examination entry where the pupil has not been prepared for the examination by the school;
- certain transport costs where transport is not required to be provided free;
- board and lodging on residential visits;
- extended-day services;
- optional clubs or activities;
- other optional provision permitted by law.

Participation in a chargeable optional extra is based on parental choice and agreement to meet the charge. Current DfE guidance confirms that parental agreement is a prerequisite where a charge is made for an optional extra.

Calculating optional-extra charges

A charge for an optional extra will not exceed the actual cost of providing the activity to the participating pupils. Permitted costs may include an appropriate proportion of:

- materials, books, instruments or equipment;
- buildings or accommodation;
- non-teaching staff;
- teaching staff engaged specifically to provide the optional extra, where permitted;
- music teaching costs where music tuition constitutes an optional extra.

The school will not make a profit from optional-extra charges and one pupil's charge will not be increased in order to subsidise another pupil whose parent is unable or unwilling to pay. Current DfE guidance states both principles explicitly. Where the school chooses to subsidise participation, that subsidy will be met from an appropriate school, Trust, grant or other approved source.

Materials pupils wish to own

The school may charge for materials, books, instruments or equipment where the parent has indicated that they wish the pupil to own the finished product or item. For example, in a curriculum cooking or design activity, the school may charge for ingredients or materials where the parent specifically wishes the finished product to be taken home. DfE guidance expressly recognises this exception. Where the activity itself forms part of statutory curriculum provision, a pupil will not be excluded from learning simply because their parent does not wish to purchase or own the finished product.

Cooking and Nutrition

Cooking and Nutrition form an important part of Riverside Bridge School's curriculum and Preparation for Adulthood work. Where ingredients are used solely as part of statutory educational provision, the school will not impose a compulsory charge unless the statutory exception relating to ownership of the finished product applies. The school may request a voluntary contribution towards ingredients used in practical curriculum sessions. Where parents wish pupils to take home food or another finished product, the school may make a charge for ingredients, where permitted by law. No pupil will be excluded from statutory curriculum learning because their parent or carer is unable or unwilling to make a voluntary contribution.

Instrumental and vocal tuition

The school may charge for individual or group instrumental or vocal tuition where charging is permitted under the applicable regulations and the tuition is provided at the request of the parent or carer. Current DfE guidance states that charges may be made for instrumental or vocal tuition provided individually or in groups where it is requested by the parent, subject to statutory exceptions, and charges must not exceed the cost of provision. No charge will be made where the tuition falls within an applicable statutory exemption.

Residential visits

The school may charge for board and lodging on a residential visit where permitted by law. The amount charged will not exceed the actual cost of board and lodging attributable to the pupil. Parents and carers who satisfy the statutory remission criteria will be exempt from the applicable board-and-lodging charge where the law requires this.

Extended provision

The school may make charges for optional extended provision where legally permitted. This may include:

- optional before- or after-school activities;
- clubs;

- additional childcare arrangements;
- holiday activities;
- other services outside the school's statutory educational duties.

Any charge will be communicated clearly before participation.

School meals

The school may charge for school meals where a pupil does not have a statutory or funded entitlement to a free meal. Meal charges will be set and communicated separately. Free School Meal and Universal Infant Free School Meal entitlements will not be charged. Recovery of legitimate unpaid school-meal charges is governed through the School Meals Debt Management Policy, not through this section.

Post-16 provision

For pupils within Riverside Bridge School's sixth form, charges will also comply with current 16-19 funding rules. The school will not charge tuition fees, compulsory enrolment or registration fees, or examination fees for publicly funded study programmes except where a specific exception is permitted under current funding rules. Permitted additional costs may include certain optional trips, recreational activities, retained equipment, additional travel, board and lodging or other services where current funding rules allow this.

Any such charge must be proportionate, transparent and consistent with the student's funded programme and applicable support arrangements.

Section 06

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Inviting support. Protecting choice. Maintaining equal participation.

Riverside Bridge School may invite parents, carers or others to make voluntary contributions towards activities for which the school cannot lawfully impose a compulsory charge.

Voluntary contributions can enable the school to provide educational visits, enrichment and other experiences beyond what could otherwise be afforded from delegated resources. However, a voluntary contribution must remain genuinely voluntary. When requesting a contribution, the school will make clear that:

- there is no obligation to contribute;
- the amount requested is voluntary;
- pupils will not be treated differently according to whether their parent contributes;
- pupils will not be excluded from statutory educational activities because a contribution is not made;
- the activity may be amended or cancelled if insufficient funding is available.

Staff must not describe a voluntary contribution as a “charge”, “fee” or compulsory payment.

Parents and carers must not be placed under inappropriate pressure to contribute. DfE guidance specifically cautions schools against practices which may make families feel pressured when contributions are voluntary. The school may:

- explain the actual cost of the activity;
- indicate the contribution required for the activity to be financially viable;
- seek support from external funding or grants;
- subsidise an activity where appropriate funding is available;
- cancel or modify an activity where insufficient contributions are received.

The school will not ask one family to make a compulsory payment in order to cover the absence of contributions from another family. Where additional donations are invited beyond the suggested voluntary contribution, it must be clear that any such donation is entirely optional.

Educational visits

Where a visit forms part of statutory educational provision and the school cannot impose a compulsory charge, voluntary contributions may be requested.

If insufficient contributions are received and no alternative funding is available, the school may decide that the activity cannot proceed. This decision must relate to the financial viability of the activity as a whole, not to whether any individual parent has contributed.

Section 07

REMISSIONS

Recognising hardship. Applying entitlement. Supporting participation.

Riverside Bridge School is committed to ensuring that financial hardship does not unnecessarily restrict pupils' access to educational and enrichment opportunities. Remission means that a charge which could otherwise lawfully be made is reduced or waived. Remissions may be:

- required by law;
- provided under Trust or school arrangements;
- funded through an external grant or programme;
- agreed exceptionally within delegated financial authority.

Statutory remissions for residential visits

Where a residential visit contains education for which charging is prohibited, parents and carers who meet the statutory criteria are entitled to remission of the board-and-lodging charge. Current DfE guidance links this statutory remission to the relevant qualifying-benefit criteria and requires parents to be informed of their right to claim remission. Because benefits and eligibility arrangements can change, this policy will not hard-code a detailed benefits list. Instead: Riverside Bridge School will apply the statutory remission criteria in force at the time of the visit and will provide parents and carers with current information about eligibility. Where statutory remission applies, the school will meet the cost through the appropriate school or Trust funding arrangements. DfE guidance confirms that the cost of remission for board and lodging is borne by the school rather than reclaimed through a separate national reimbursement mechanism.

Discretionary remission and hardship support

The school may also consider reducing or waiving an otherwise lawful charge where:

- a family is experiencing significant financial hardship;
- exceptional personal circumstances apply;
- external funding is available;
- pupil premium or other funding can lawfully and appropriately be used;
- charitable or partnership funding is available;
- the school determines that financial support is consistent with its educational and inclusion priorities.

Any discretionary remission must be:

- fair and proportionate;

- consistent with available resources;
- authorised within delegated financial authority;
- appropriately recorded;
- handled confidentially.

A family's inability to pay does not automatically create an entitlement to discretionary remission where none is provided by law.

Requests for support

Parents and carers who believe they may qualify for remission or require financial support are encouraged to contact the school. The school will aim to ensure that:

- requests can be made discreetly;
- families are not required to discuss financial hardship publicly;
- relevant information is shared only with those who need it;
- evidence is requested only where necessary;
- decisions are communicated sensitively.

No informal waiver of charges

Staff must not independently waive or reduce a lawful charge because they believe a family should not have to pay. Any remission must be approved through the correct financial route.

Section 08

EQUALITY, MONITORING AND REVIEW

Applying fairly. Monitoring compliance. Reviewing arrangements.

Equality

Riverside Bridge School will apply this policy consistently with the Equality Act 2010 and its wider commitment to inclusion. Charging arrangements will not unlawfully discriminate against pupils or families. The school will consider whether reasonable adjustments are required where disability affects:

- access to information;
- communication about charges;
- use of payment systems;
- participation in an activity;
- the practical arrangements required for a pupil to take part.

Reasonable adjustment costs which form part of the school's statutory educational responsibilities will not automatically be transferred to parents through additional charges. The school will also consider the potential impact of charging arrangements on pupils experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage.

Monitoring

The Headteacher, supported by designated finance staff, will ensure that charging and remissions arrangements remain consistent with:

- current legislation;
- DfE guidance;
- Trust financial requirements;
- this policy;
- approved individual activity arrangements.

Monitoring may include:

- review of proposed charges;
- comparison of charges with actual costs;
- review of voluntary-contribution communications;
- review of remissions;
- monitoring of income received;
- review of complaints or disputes;

- internal audit;
- review of significant changes in legislation or funding guidance.

Financial assurance

The Governing Board will receive appropriate assurance that:

- charges are lawful;
- statutory free provision is protected;
- voluntary contributions are represented accurately;
- remissions are applied correctly;
- charging decisions remain within delegated financial authority;
- financial controls are being followed.

Routine individual transactions do not require Governing Board approval unless specifically required by the Scheme of Financial Delegation.

Complaints and disputes

Parents and carers who believe that a charge has been applied incorrectly should raise the matter with the school in the first instance. The school will review the basis of the charge and explain the decision. Where the matter cannot be resolved informally, the school's Complaints Policy may be used. Any disputed amount should be considered on its facts; the existence of a dispute does not automatically mean that a lawful charge is cancelled.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually, or earlier where changes occur to:

- the Education Act charging framework;
- Department for Education charging guidance;
- 16-19 funding rules;
- Trust Financial Regulations;
- the Scheme of Financial Delegation;
- Riverside Bridge School's provision.

Operational price lists and individual activity costs may be updated without formally amending this policy where the underlying charging basis remains lawful and consistent with the policy.

Section 09

RELATED POLICIES & FRAMEWORKS

Connecting practice. Strengthening consistency.

This policy should be read alongside:

- Partnership Learning Financial Regulations
- Partnership Learning Scheme of Financial Delegation
- Educational Visits Policy
- School Meals Debt Management Policy
- Food and Drink Policy
- Equality, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Lettings Policy
- Gifts and Hospitality Policy
- Staff Expenses Policy
- relevant curriculum frameworks and operational procedures
- current Department for Education guidance on charging for school activities
- current 16-19 funding rules where applicable

APPENDIX

Summary of Charges and Remissions

Activity	Charge?	Position
Admission to Riverside Bridge School	**No**	Free by law.
Education during school hours	**No**	Includes necessary books, materials, equipment and teaching resources.
Education outside school hours forming part of statutory curriculum/examination/RE provision	**No**	Free where statutory charging restrictions apply.
Curriculum Cooking and Nutrition	**Usually, no compulsory charge**	Voluntary contributions may be requested. A charge may be made for materials/ingredients where parents wish the pupil to own or take home the finished product.
Educational visits forming part of statutory provision	**No compulsory charge for education**	Voluntary contributions may be requested. Permitted board/lodging or optional-extra costs are considered separately.
Transport required to be provided free by law	**No**	Statutory transport duties remain free.
Transport forming part of a lawful optional extra	**May apply**	Only where statutory charging rules permit it.
Residential visit – educational element	**No where statutory provision**	Statutory curriculum/examination/RE education remains free.
Residential visit – board and lodging	**Yes, where permitted**	Actual cost only; statutory remissions apply to eligible families.
Optional extra activity	**Yes**	Where permitted by law and agreed in advance by the parent/carer.
Instrumental or vocal tuition	**May apply**	Only where permitted by current music-tuition regulations.
Public examination entry where pupil has been prepared by the school	**No**	Subject to limited statutory exceptions.
Materials or finished products parents wish pupils to own	**Yes**	Actual materials cost may be charged where permitted.
Extended-day or optional club provision	**May apply**	Where lawful and optional.
School meals	**Yes, unless free-meal entitlement applies**	Managed separately through school meal arrangements.
Publicly funded sixth-form study programme	**No tuition fee**	Additional optional costs may apply only where current 16–19 funding rules permit.