



SPA EDUCATION TRUST CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

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Introduction

Both Spa Bermondsey and Spa Camberwell are inclusive schools offering equality of opportunity to all pupils. We aim to provide a broad and varied range of experiences for the pupils. This may include trips, visits and the use of visiting groups. The Trustees recognise the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities can make to a child's development.

Voluntary Contributions

When organising school trips, activities or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the schools do not invite parents to contribute to the cost.

Prohibition of Charges

The schools are prohibited from charging for the following:

- Education provided during school hours including any materials, books, instruments or other equipment or outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, religious education or the syllabus for a public examination
- Education provided on any trip as part of the National Curriculum
- Transporting pupils in connection with an educational trip

Residential Visits

To date we have not requested payment for any residential trips.

Breakages

It is not the Trust's policy to request payment from parents for any breakages or damage to school property.

For further information see [DFE advice - Charging for School Activities](#)

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