



SPA EDUCATION TRUST CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on charging for school activities and the [Education Act 1996, sections 449-462](#) of which set out the law on charging for school activities in England. Academies are required to comply with this Act through their funding agreements. It's also based on guidance from the DfE on [statutory policies for schools and academy trusts](#).

Introduction

Spa Bermondsey is an inclusive school offering equality of opportunity to all pupils within the school. 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 school does not invite parents to contribute to the cost.

Prohibition of Charges

The school is prohibited from charging for the following:

- Admission applications
- 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 outside school hours if it is part of:
 - The national curriculum
 - A syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school
 - Religious education
- Education provided on any trip as part of the National Curriculum
- Transporting pupils in connection with an educational trip
- Instrumental or vocal tuition, for pupils learning individually or in groups, unless the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent
- Entry for a prescribed public examination if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school
- Examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit(s) at the school

Where charges can be made

We can charge for

- Examination entry fee(s) if the registered pupil has not been prepared for the examination(s) at the school

Residential Visits

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

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Breakages

It is not Spa 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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