



GOVERNORS' POLICY ON CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Education Reform Act sets out to provide free education for children. There are, however, certain things, which are not covered by the standard school budget. We set out below our policy for dealing with these.

1. Free milk is provided for those children who are under 5 or eligible for free school meals. Other parents may take up the option to buy milk through our supplier Cool Milk.
2. Parents may be asked for voluntary contributions towards the cost of educational visits.
3. Parents may be asked for voluntary donations or voluntary contributions towards visiting theatre groups, puppet shows, etc.
4. Parents may be asked for voluntary donations or voluntary contributions towards ingredients for cooking or materials for practical activities.
5. Parents may be asked to make a voluntary donations or voluntary contributions towards Academy performances.
6. Parents who are eligible for the 30 hours Nursery provision may choose to pay for an additional 45 minutes childcare cover at the end of the school day, until 3.30pm. The charge for this will be pro-rata the funding rate for Nursery children. The charge for 2023-2024 will be £3.65 per session, £18.25 per week, payable in advance, in half term blocks.
7. Parents may be asked for voluntary donations to Academy school funds.

8. Parents may be asked to pay for broken windows, defaced, lost or damaged books or equipment.
9. Parents may be asked to pay for full copies of an OFSTED report and any similar reports or plans. The cost will be not more than the cost of copying.
10. A charge will be made for copies of documents requested under the Freedom of Information Act in accordance with the policy.

In the event of parents being asked to make a voluntary donations or voluntary contributions, there will be no obligation to pay and pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have done so. If the activity cannot be funded without voluntary donations or voluntary contributions, the Head of School will make this clear to parents at the outset.

Parents may speak, in the strictest confidence, to the Head of School if they are unable to pay, consideration may then be given to supporting the family.