



REACH SCHOOL

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Charging and Remissions Policy

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Introduction

This policy has been produced to set out the approach of REACH School to charging and remissions. Section 1 is concerned with charges to students. Section 2 relates to Commissioning Top-Up fees.

The policy aims to provide transparency in setting charges and ensure consistency in implementation of the Charging Policy.

In implementing this policy the school aims to make sure that means of a family are never a barrier to students learning and engaging, however, where possible our aspiration is for parents/guardians to fully engage and take responsibility for their children.

Section 1

Student Charges

- 1.1 **School Meals**
There is no charge to students for meals.
- 1.2 **Challenge Activities**
There is no charge to students for challenge activities.
- 1.3 **Transport to school**
All students entitled to free school meals and those that travel more than 3 miles to school shall receive a bus pass. The Head teacher may also use discretion to fund travel costs to improve attendance.
- 1.4 **Transport to Work Related Learning (WRL) Placement**
Students required to travel to WRL placements shall be entitled to receive a free bus pass.
- 1.5 **Cost of Materials**
No charge will be made for materials, ingredients or equipment used in curriculum activities.
- 1.6 **Examination Entries**
The Governing body reserve the right to make a charge for the entry costs of examinations that are wasted without reason acceptable to the school.
- 1.7 **Lost Equipment**
The Governing body reserve the right to charge the cost of replacement for equipment and books that are loaned to students as part of their studies and are not returned in the prescribed time.
- 1.8 **Breakages and damage to school buildings , furniture or property**
The cost of repair caused by wilful damage to the school building or property may be charged to parent/guardians.

The Governing Body reserve the right to amend the charging policy at any time. Notwithstanding this the policy shall be reviewed every two years.

Section 2

Commissioner Top-Up Fees

2.1 Year 10 & 11 Students

Commissioning schools from within the South Network will be charged £4,000 top-up fee for each student for each year or part year of student placement at Reach (For example, a home school will be charged £4,000 for Year 10 provision and £4,000 for Year 11).

Commissioning schools from outside of South Network will be charged £6,000 top-up fee for each year or part year of a student placement at Reach.

Where student placements start in June or July a £600 charge will be levied for the remainder of the academic year to contribute to Reach costs for work related learning etc.

2.2 Fees for External Provision

Where a student is allocated a place at Reach but it is subsequently decided by Reach to place them in alternative provision, the cost of alternative provision will be met by Reach. The Commissioning school will pay Reach the usual £4,000 or £6,000 top-up fee.

Where students come to Reach with a prior commitment to additional ongoing costs, those costs will be re-charged to the commissioning school in addition to the usual Reach top –up fee.

2.3 Variations

The Head teacher may, from time to time, exercise discretion to vary the usual charging policy in consultation with South Network Sharing Panel. All variations shall be reported to the Governing Body.