

St George's School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

Voluntary contributions for activities as part of the Curriculum

When organizing school trips, visits or workshop activities that enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school asks parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the activity.

If appropriate and funds allow, the school may pay a proportion of the costs in order to support a visit.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum - we do not charge for this.

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. This charge is paid directly to the school which organises peripatetic music teachers through a service level agreement with Lewisham Music Service to teach individuals or small group lessons on the school site.

We reserve the right that if payment is not made on behalf of a child that lessons will be withdrawn. Letters will be sent to parents/carers to inform them of any monies owing before such a decision is taken.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for groups of children. Lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We do not ask for a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of transport to and from the pool, provision of a lifeguard/specialist teacher and hire of the pool itself. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

Optional Extra Activities

(Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours and are not required in order to fulfil

statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to Religious Education)

It is the governors' policy to charge for such activities organised by the school. The basis for calculating the charge will be proportionate for each participating pupil for travel, board & lodging, materials, books, equipment, entrance fees and insurance.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- sporting activities which require transport expenses; St George's School

- music tuition by peripatetic music teachers employed by Lewisham music service;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- Residential Visits

Parents who face hardship in making a contribution may be given support from the school. In such a case parents should contact the Headteacher directly.

The school organises an annual residential visits for children. The cost of this trip includes board & lodging, transport, materials, entrance to any sites visited and charges for any activities to be experienced.

The cost of this trip will be based on travel costs, entrance to sites, materials and charges for activities experienced. The governors' policy is for the school to cover the cost of any additional teacher time necessary to lead the trip or subsequent follow up work.

Parents will be given the option of a payment plan to spread the costs of the residential visit.

Charging in Kind

The cost of ingredients, materials, equipment, etc., needed for practical subjects, such as food technology or DT, is budgeted for and borne by the school. However, the school may charge for, or require the supply of ingredients and materials, if the product is to be owned and taken home by the child afterwards, e.g. food products, models containing electrical equipment or batteries. The school will inform parents prior to activities, giving them the choice to pay for materials or purchase their own materials for the activity.

Breakages & Fines

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item such as:

- broken windows
- defaced, damaged or lost text books
- replacement reading or homework diaries
- any item damaged as a result of unsatisfactory pupil behaviour

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