

CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY STATEMENT

1.1 Neston High School endorses the principle that education provided in maintained schools should be free and that no student's education should be affected by his or her parents ability to pay or to contribute towards the cost of the student's education.

2 CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

2.1 Students should not be required to pay for any materials, books, instruments or other equipment for use in connection with education provided during schools hours; the school may charge for or require the supply of ingredients or materials for practical subjects where parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product.

2.2 Instrumental music tuition is in the main provided by Music for Life and shall be provided at a reasonable rate. The school makes a contribution towards the cost of music lessons.

2.3 Voluntary contributions will be sought to enable activities over and above the normal curriculum to occur.

2.4 The ExI programme should be self financing. A charge is levied to cover the cost of employing a specialist provider where the school does not have the in house expertise.

2.5 No charge shall be made for entry fees for prescribed public examinations for which registered students have been prepared at school. However, charges will be made in the following circumstances:

- For examinations for which the student has not been prepared at school.
- Where the preparation provided by the school enables a student to enter for two or more examinations, the parents shall be charged for the cost of sitting the second and subsequent examinations; where fees vary, the parents shall be charged for the higher fees.
- If a student fails without good reason to complete all the examination requirements and is consequently ungraded in the examination.
- Where a candidate has expressed a wish to re-sit an examination.

2.6 Parents are requested to meet the cost of work experience placement travelling costs.

2.7 Where wilful damage is caused to the school building or school equipment, a charge will be made. The Trustees reserve the right to request reimbursement in full.

Remissions

2.8 In order to remove financial barriers from disadvantaged students, the Board of Trustees has agreed that some activities and visits where charges can legally be made will be offered at no charge or a reduced charge to families in particular circumstances. The main criteria for qualification for remissions is eligibility for free school meals. However, if a family requests assistance the school will endeavour to help out where possible.

Name of Policy	Charging & Remissions Policy
Name of lead member of staff	TPH
Date of Review by Board of Trustees	24/1/2018
Equality Impact Assessments	Summer 2013
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