



Heelands School

Charging and Remissions Policy

Aims of the policy:

To provide clear guidance in implementing the legislation. (Education Act 1996, Sections 449-462 and DfE guidance October 2014).

The governing board at Heelands School recognises the enhancement to all areas of school life that activities and visits provide. At the same time, we recognise that it is not always possible to fund these additional activities from the school budget. The level of funding spent for this purpose will depend on the existing resources and some activities will rely largely on voluntary contributions from parents.

At Heelands School the charging policy will apply in the following areas:

Art/Craft and Cooking

All children will be able to take home, free of charge, all outcomes from art, craft or cooking activities.

Breakages and Damage

We recognise that sometimes accidents do happen but the school requests that a parent pays for any deliberate breakages or malicious damage of school property by their child.

Books

Parents will be asked to pay £5 towards the cost of replacing a lost or damaged library or reading book or provide a new book in its place. If the book belongs to the Milton Keynes library service, the full replacement cost will be required.

Visits

The school is aware that visits can put financial pressure on all families especially if there is more than one child involved, so we endeavour to keep the cost of visits to a minimum and parents may pay by instalments if they wish. Whilst there is no obligation for parents to contribute, parents will be invited to make a voluntary contribution in order for the visit to go ahead.

Visitors to school

Parents may be asked to make a voluntary contribution to visiting music or theatre groups but pupils will not be excluded if parents cannot or decline to pay the contribution.



After school clubs

We are committed to providing a free place at an after school club for all children in years 1 and 2 while the Sports Premium Grant is available to schools.

Remissions

Costs of trips, visits or activities will be reimbursed for children entitled to Pupil Premium. If any parent feels that they cannot afford to pay for a particular visit, sympathetic consideration will be given to cases of financial hardship. The school would not wish any child to be disadvantaged and urge parents to contact the school, in confidence, if they are experiencing financial difficulties. Where visits have been arranged which complement the work being undertaken in class, it must be noted that pupils have an entitlement to participate and will not be excluded from such.

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