

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CHARGING POLICY

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Chair of Governors

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Headmaster

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This Charging Policy informs staff and parents about charging for School activities. It conforms to the requirements of the guidance detailed in 'A Guide to the Law for School Governors'.

The School:

- Will not charge for books, materials, equipment and instruction in connection with the National Curriculum or Statutory Religious Education taught at school, except where it will be in the best interest of the student to purchase them. For example the materials may be needed for annotation purposes.
- Will not charge for any activities which take place in School time (barring the exceptions detailed below), apart from instrumental tuition for individual pupils or other such activities. In Music, for example, if pupils receive instrumental tuition from a peripatetic teacher, contributions, on a termly basis, will be required in advance.
- Will charge for some School-Time activities as well as extra curricular activities, clubs & societies and the school magazine by inviting parents and others to make voluntary contributions to enable School funds to go further. Children of parents who do not contribute will not be treated differently from those who do make contributions.
- Will have the right to cancel an activity if there are insufficient voluntary contributions to make the activity possible.
- Will expect parents to refund the school wholly or to an agreed sum, if their children cause damage to school property, or misuse or lose school materials and books, or fail to complete examination courses where fees have been incurred.
- Will expect parents to make contributions towards their son/daughters technology projects.
- May charge for board and lodgings on residential courses, except for pupils whose parents are receiving: Income Support; Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; or Child Tax Credit (providing that they do not also receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, assessed by The Inland Revenue). The Headteacher will inform parents of the right to claim free activities if they are receiving these benefits.
- May permit organisations to charge parents when such an organisation is acting independently of the School or the LA, to arrange an activity to take place during school hours and parents want their children to join in the activity.
- May charge for activities (optional extras), which happen outside School hours when these activities are not necessary part of the National Curriculum.
- The Governors will review the lettings charges levied by the school on an annual basis. The Governors will review this policy on an annual basis.

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