



Kings Academy Trust

Charging and Remissions Policy

February 2022

Although education is provided free of charge, Kings Academy Trust recognises that on occasion a small contribution to a wide range of additional activities can make a big difference to pupils' personal and social education. This could include trips, residential experiences, and other types of activity.

The Trust hopes to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils and as additional optional activities.

Schools within the Trust may seek voluntary contributions from parents for activities, in and out of school hours, which require additional resourcing. The contributions are genuinely voluntary, a parent's inability or unwillingness to pay does not prevent a child taking part in the activity. However, the Headteacher may cancel the proposed activity if insufficient voluntary contributions are received. An example of the wording which could be used in the correspondence to parents, is as follows:

The cost of this trip will be £..... which covers the costs of coach and insurance. Under the terms of the 1988 Education Reform Act, the school is not allowed to make a charge for this activity, but we are permitted to ask for voluntary contributions. No child will be excluded if their parents/guardians do not wish to make this contribution. However, if sufficient voluntary contributions are not received, then regrettably the trip will not go ahead.

The Headteacher may ask parents to pay for damage to and/or loss of school property and equipment when the accepted rules of the school have been disregarded. A separate and specific policy for such damage is in place at Kassia Academy and Support Services.

The Trust reserves the right to make a charge of the full cost to each pupil for any payments necessary for activities outside school hours e.g. extra curricular activities.

The Trust may, from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made.

The Trust Board agreement to Policy

Signed (Chair of Trust Board) Date

Policies are reviewed every 4 years or as necessary depending on new legislation.