

MITHIAN SCHOOL

CHARGING POLICY

(drawn up in accordance with the requirements of section 457 of the Education Act, 1996 as amended by section 200 of the Education Act 2002)

We follow four main principles on charging:

- That education in schools should be free.
- That activities offered wholly or mainly during normal school teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
- That there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education, but that we have the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
- We have the right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school, or in support of any activity organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

There are a number of activities which will only take place if parental contributions are available, but no child should be excluded from any activity organised by the school because of the liability or unwillingness of their parents to pay such a contribution.

1 Optional visits wholly or mainly outside of school hours

The school charges the full cost of visits which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours, but which are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education. The visit / activity will only proceed if parents pay and it is financially viable.

2 Visits wholly or mainly during school hours

The school invites voluntary contributions towards the cost of visits which take place wholly or mainly during school hours and which may, or may not, be provided as part of the syllabus relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions the visit may become financially unviable. The school may set aside monies to cover the cost for those parents who wish their child to go on the visit, but are unable to make a voluntary contribution. For educational activities the subsidy will come from the delegated budget or private fund. For social activities the subsidy will come from the private fund. The "PTA" contribute £5 per child per year to help with this.

3 Residential Visits

The school charges the full cost of board and lodging on visits taking place wholly or mainly during school hours, or if out of school hours required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education.

Where the parents are in receipt of pupil premium the board and lodging charges must be remitted and this cost will be met from within the school. For educational activities the subsidy will come from the delegated budget.

The costs of transport, insurance, admission charges etc. incurred during residential trips may not, however, be charged, although voluntary contributions may of course be requested and will be a necessary prerequisite for the visit taking place. Residential visits will become unviable if voluntary contributions are not made.

4 Individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument

Where teachers are confident music lessons are offered, free of charge, as a school club.

Individual music lessons are provided by peripatetic music teachers and charged termly. Parents are invoiced directly.

5 Charges for ingredients, material and equipment

We will provide any ingredients, materials, equipment needed for the delivery of the curriculum. The school will ask for voluntary contributions, or invite parents to supply ingredients, materials and equipment if parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product.

6. Charges for breakages and fines.

We charge a minimal fee if pupils lose, break or damage property.

Headteacher Date

Chair of Governors Date

Policy review date Spring 2023