

THE HERMITAGE SCHOOL

Charging and Remissions Policy

It is the Governor's view that education at The Hermitage ought to be available to all students equally regardless of their home circumstances. They therefore wish to limit charges to the minimum, within the constraints of funding available to the school. Some activities, though not free, can be provided more cheaply by the school than by most other means. The Governors support the school's policy in offering such activities.

- a. **Residential courses in school time.** Parents/Carers will be asked to meet the full cost of board and lodging and to make a voluntary contribution towards travel expenses, except children whose Parents/Carers receive income support/income based jobseekers allowance, where the school will meet the cost. The school will do its best to offer assistance in any case where there is hardship.
- b. **Activities outside school hours not within the National Curriculum, ranging from holiday visits abroad to school matches.** Parents/Carers may be asked to meet the full cost. In the case of residential experience every effort would be made to offer value for money but the cost may be quite high. It is intended that school based extra curricular activities should be free or very low cost.
- c. **Individual music tuition.** Where available without charge to the school, there will be no charge to Parents/Carers. Where tuition is available only at a cost to the school, a charge will be made to students who have lessons.
- d. **Extra examination entries/resits without tuition.** Charge would be made to Parents/Carers/students.
- e. **Exams not on the prescribed lists.** As in d).
- f. **'Wasted' exam entries.** As d).
- g. **Ingredients/materials for practical subjects.** Parents/Carers are encouraged to provide/pay for materials where the finished article is kept by the students, but the school will make provision in the case of difficulty.
- h. **Lost school equipment, books etc.** Parents/Carers will be expected to meet some or all of the replacement costs.
- i. **Breakages or damage to school buildings, furniture or property.** As h).