



**KING EDWARD VI**  
HIGH SCHOOL

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## **CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY**

**Encouraging and supporting all our learners to  
"Be the best that they can be"**

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**Headteacher**

**Mr J Christey**

**Chair of Governor**

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## 1. Aims

King Edward VI High School aims to:

- Have robust, clear processes in place for charging and remissions
- Clearly set out the types of activity that can be charged for and when charges will be made

## 2. Legislation and Guidance

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on [charging for school activities](#) and [the Education Act 1996](#), sections 449-462 of which set out the law on charging for school activities in England.

## 3. Definitions

**Charge:** a fee payable for specifically defined activities

**Remission:** the cancellation of a charge which would normally be payable

## 4. Roles and responsibilities

### 4.1 The Governing Body

The Governing Body has overall responsibility for approving the Charging and Remissions Policy, but can delegate this to a committee, an individual Governor or the Headteacher.

The Governing Body also has overall responsibility for monitoring the implementation of this policy.

Responsibility for approving the Charging and Remissions policy has been delegated to the Governor's Finance Committee.

### 4.2 Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring staff are familiar with the Charging and Remissions Policy, and that it is being applied consistently.



### 4.3 Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- Implementing the Charging and Remissions policy consistently
- Notifying the Headteacher of any specific circumstances which they are unsure about or where they are not certain if the policy applies

King Edward VI High School will provide staff with appropriate training in relation to this policy and its implementation.

### 4.4 Parents

Parents are expected to notify staff or the Headteacher of any concerns or queries regarding the Charging and Remissions Policy.

## **5. Where charges cannot be made**

Below the school has identified what we **cannot** charge for:

### 5.1 Education

- Admission applications
- Education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment)
- Education provided outside school hours if it is part of:
  - The national curriculum
  - A syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school
  - Religious education
- Instrumental or vocal tuition, for pupils learning individually or in groups, unless the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent
- Entry for a prescribed public examination if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school
- Examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit(s) at the school



## 5.2 Transport

- Transporting registered pupils to or from the school premises, where the Local Authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport
- Transporting registered pupils to other premises where the Governing Body or Local Authority has arranged for pupils to be educated
- Transport that enables a pupil to meet an examination requirement when he or she has been prepared for that examination at the school
- Transport provided in connection with an educational visit

## 5.3 Residential visits

- Education provided on any visit that takes place during school hours
- Education provided on any visit that takes place outside school hours if it is part of:
  - The national curriculum
  - A syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school
  - Religious education
  - Supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential visit

## 6. Where charges can be made

Below the school has set out what we **can** charge for:

### 6.1 Education

- Any materials, books, instruments or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him or her to own them
- Optional extras (see section 6.2)
- Music and vocal tuition, in limited circumstances (see section 6.3)
- Community facilities
- Examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit(s) at the school **and** the pupil fails, without good reason, to meet any examination requirement for a syllabus



## 6.2 Optional Extras

King Edward VI High School are able to charge for activities known as 'optional extras'. In these cases, schools can charge for providing materials, books, instruments or equipment. The following are optional extras:

- Education provided outside of school time that is not part of:
  - The national curriculum
  - A syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school
  - Religious education
- Examination entry fee(s) if the registered pupil has not been prepared for the examination(s) at the school
- Transport (other than transport that is required to take the pupil to school or to other premises where the Local Authority or Governing Body has arranged for the pupil to be provided with education)
- Board and lodging for a pupil on a residential visit
- Extended day services offered to pupils (such as breakfast clubs, after-school clubs, tea and supervised homework sessions)

When calculating the cost of optional extras, an amount may be included in relation to:

- Any materials, books, instruments or equipment provided in connection with the optional extra
- The cost of buildings and accommodation
- Non-teaching staff
- Teaching staff engaged under contracts for services purely to provide an optional extra (including supply teachers engaged specifically to provide the optional extra)
- The cost, or an appropriate proportion of the costs, for teaching staff employed to provide tuition in playing a musical instrument, or vocal tuition, where the tuition is an optional extra

Any charge made in respect of individual pupils will not be greater than the actual cost of providing the optional extra activity, divided equally by the number of pupils participating.



Any charge will not include an element of subsidy for any other pupils who wish to take part in the activity but whose parents are unwilling or unable to pay the full charge.

In cases where a small proportion of the activity takes place during school hours, the charge cannot include the cost of alternative provision for those pupils who do not wish to participate.

Parental agreement is necessary for the provision of an optional extra which is to be charged for.

### 6.3 Music tuition

King Edward VI High School can charge for vocal or instrumental tuition provided either individually or to groups of pupils, provided that the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent.

Charges may not exceed the cost of the provision, including the cost of the staff giving the tuition.

Charges cannot be made:

- If the teaching is an essential part of the national curriculum
- For a pupil who is looked after by a local authority

### 6.4 Residential visits

King Edward VI High School can charge for board and lodging on residential visits, but the charge must not exceed the actual cost.

## **7. Voluntary contributions**

As an exception to the requirements set out in section 5 of this policy, King Edward VI High School is able to ask for voluntary contributions from parents to fund activities during school hours which would not otherwise be possible.



When inviting voluntary contributions for an activity parents will be, advised of the following, as appropriate:

- The activity cannot take place without some help from them.
- If there are insufficient voluntary contributions to make the activity possible and there is no way to make up the shortfall the activity will be cancelled.

The costs of any optional extra undertaken by any pupil whose parents/guardians are unable to pay may not be included in the charge to other pupils but must be funded through the delegated budget, school fund or other fundraising.

**There is no obligation for parents to make any contribution, and no child will be excluded from an activity if their parents are unwilling or unable to pay.**

If the school is unable to raise enough funds for an activity or visit then it will be cancelled.

## **8. Activities King Edward VI High School charge for**

The school will charge for the following activities:

- any other education, transport or examination fee unless charges are specifically prohibited. The full costs will be charged.
- breakages and replacements as a result of damages caused willfully or negligently by pupils. Up to 100% of the costs will be charged at the discretion of the Headteacher.
- extra-curricular activities and school clubs
- If a non-residential activity happens partly inside the school day and partly outside of it, there will be no charge if most of the time to be spent on the activity falls within the school day. If a bigger proportion of time spent falls outside of the normal school day, charges will be made. When such activities are arranged parents will be told how the charges are calculated.
- Letting of the school premises or grounds.



- Charges for materials or ingredients where the pupils wish to have the finished product. The full costs will be charged.
- Cost of transport to take part in work experience.

For regular activities, the charges for each activity will be determined by the Governing Body and reviewed in May each year.

## **9. Remissions**

In some circumstances the school may not charge for items or activities set out in sections 6 and 8 of this policy. This will be at the discretion of the Governing Body and will depend on the activity in question.

### **9.1 Remissions for Residential Visits**

Parents who can prove they are in receipt of any of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of board and lodging for residential visits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's annual gross income does not exceed £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (this is paid for 4 weeks after an individual stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (if the application was made on or after 1 April 2018, the family's income must be less than £7,400 per year – after tax and not including any benefits)





## Appendix 1

### Summary of Charges

	Class-room	Main Hall	Sports Hall & Chg. Rooms	Gym	Work shop	Football Field Only	Football Field & Chg. Rooms
Hourly rates for lettings	£40.00	£40.00	£30.00	£20.00	£42.00	£12.00	£20.00

