



CHARGING AND REMISSIONS POLICY

This policy is reviewed annually to ensure compliance with current regulations

Approved/reviewed by	
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The Governing Body of Lindsworth School recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs, and residential experiences can make towards our pupils' education and experiences. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the pupils of the school and as additional optional activities.

At present our educational visits include:-

- a) Day trips to facilitate and enhance learning in many subject areas.
- b) Expeditions of a challenging or sporting nature incorporating outdoors pursuits or competitions.
- c) Residential experiences including school camps.
- d) Social outings to theme parks, theatre, cinema, bowling etc. to encourage social interaction and social awareness.

It is accepted that compulsory charges cannot be made in respect of educational activities during school hours, including cost of materials, books, instruments or other equipment used. It must be noted that equipment, for these purposes, does not include clothing. It is also accepted that compulsory charges cannot be made in respect of educational visits that are required as part of the syllabus for a public examination, the National Curriculum or Religious Education.

The expense of all these educational experiences is partly funded by the school. The school budget also incorporates a grant to help fund residential/non-residential experiences (from The Clara Martineau Trust).

It is recognised that, many educational visits will depend on financial contributions, in part, from parents. Without some financial contribution from parents/carers the school would find it difficult to maintain the number of visits that regularly take place. Parents/Carers will be asked for a voluntary contribution towards some educational visits/experiences. However, pupils will not be excluded from participating from educational visits/experiences in cases of financial difficulty. Educational visits may have to be cancelled if voluntary contributions are not sufficient.

Spending money for all educational visits will be at the discretion of parents/carers in consultation with staff at school.

Evening Activity Allocation

An allowance for each residential and extended day pupil is allocated to support evening activities.

This allocation comes from the School Budget Share (SBS). It enables the residential provision to provide extra items for children over and above the delegated allowance from SBS - Capitation. This allowance is attached to the social programme provided by a 24 hour curriculum.

Pupil Support

Lindsworth School provides a home to school transport service for many pupils. When staff feel confident that pupils can travel independently and safely, they will be provided with a school bus ticket (if they meet Birmingham City Council requirements), enabling them to travel on public transport.

Examinations

Lindsworth School provides the opportunity for pupils to participate in courses which lead to external qualifications. All examination entrance fees are paid from the School Budget Share.

Charges

The school reserves the right to charge for the following activities, which will not in all circumstances, be charged:

Instrument Tuition: The cost of musical instrument tuition if provided at the parent's/carer's request.

Charging in Kind: Materials and ingredients - the cost of materials and ingredients for art and design, food, hospitality and catering; if parents have indicated in advance that they wish to own the final product.

School Property: The Governors reserve the right to charge parents/carers for non-accidental damage to, or loss of, school property.

Remissions

The Remission Policy adopted by Lindsworth School accepts that charges may be waived or reduced, at the discretion of the Headteacher. Partial remission of board and lodging charges may be made for pupils who are entitled to free school meals or whose parents/carers are receiving income support or Family Credit if a residential visit or sporting event is in school hours or required by the curriculum.