



The Wildings Charging and Remissions Policy

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To be reviewed [annually](#) by the [Principal](#) and the [Chair of Governors](#)

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Statement of intent

The Wildings recognises the benefits that a wide range of experiences such as trips and visits, outdoor and community activities and residential experiences can have on a young person's education, wellbeing and social and emotional development. These experiences form an integral part of the education and care we offer to our young people and we aim to cover the costs of such things.

The Wildings is committed to adhering to legal requirements regarding charging parents and carers for school activities, and meeting all statutory guidance provided by the DfE.

To that end we promise not to charge parents or carers for education and in addition, any experiences which support education whether inside or outside of school hours.

This policy aims to detail what else the school will and will not charge parents and carers for.

1. Legal framework

1.1. This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education Act 1996
- Children Act 1989
- The Charges for Music Tuition (England) Regulations 2007
- The Education (Prescribed Public Examinations) (England) Regulations 2010
- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- DfE (2018) 'Charging for school activities'
- DfE (2020) 'Governance handbook'

1.2. This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Complaints Procedures Policy
- Freedom of Information Policy
- Finance Policy

2. Definitions

2.1. "*Education*":

For the purposes of this policy The Wildings deems the following things part of the education we offer our young people:

- Trips and visits
- Outdoor activities
- Community activities
- Residential visits

- Musical, instrumental or vocal tuition.

3. Charging for education

3.1. We will not charge parents for:

- Admission applications.
- Education provided during school hours.
- Education provided outside school hours.
- Educational trips, visits or residential trips.
- Musical, Instrumental or vocal tuition, unless provided at the request of the pupil's parents.

3.2. We may charge parents for the following:

- Materials, books, instruments or equipment, where they desire their child to own them

4. Examination and Examination Re-Sits fees

4.1. We do not charge for:

- examinations
- examinations re-sits
- re-marking of an examination

5. Transport

5.1. We will not charge for:

- Transporting registered pupils to or from the school premises, where the LA has a statutory obligation to provide the transport.
- Transporting registered young people to other premises where the governing board or LA has arranged for pupils to be educated.
- Transporting pupils to meet an examination requirement when they have been prepared for the examination at the school.
- Transport provided for an educational visit.

6. Residential visits

6.1. We will not charge for:

- Travel to, from or during residential visits
- Education that occurs on a residential visit
- The cost of staffing residential visits
- Activities on a residential visit
- Board and lodging.

If the number of school sessions covered by the visit is equal to or greater than 50 percent of the number of half days (any period of 12 hours ending with noon or midnight on any day) spent on the visit, the school will not charge for the activity.

7. Education partly during school hours

7.1. We will not charge for any education or educational activity which takes place only partly during school hours.

8. Damaged or lost items

8.1. The school may charge parents for the cost of replacing items broken, damaged or lost as a result of their child's communication or negligence. Parents will not be taken to court for failure to pay such costs.

9. Remissions

9.1. The school does not offer remissions as it will cover all costs for all types of education, for visits and trips and for examinations.

10. Monitoring and review

- 10.1. This policy will be reviewed [annually](#) by the [governing board](#), a committee of the governing board, an individual governor or the [principal](#).
- 10.2. The next scheduled review date for this policy is [16/10/2025](#)