



Durrington High School Charging Policy

This policy sets out Durrington High School's rationale on charging for school activities.

Durrington High School is committed to providing a whole range of activities for all students to enhance their curriculum experiences.

Aim

This policy makes clear what arrangements are in place to promote the full involvement of all students in school life, regardless of their parents' ability to pay.

Instrumental tuition

The school follows the West Sussex charging policy on instrumental tuition. There will be no charge for music tuition if it is an essential part of the GCSE course.

Voluntary contributions

In general, no charge can be made for education during school hours. School trips, visits and practical activities enhance the students' learning and broaden their knowledge and experience. Parents will be invited, in writing, to make voluntary contributions towards the cost of any activity, out of school visit, or a theatre education performance in school, which is not an optional extra. If insufficient contributions are made, the visit or event may not take place.

Any parent in receipt of income support, income based job seekers allowance, family tax credit, disabled persons tax credit or any demonstrable financial difficulties, will be invited to seek support with their contribution, in confidence, via the Headteacher.

Residential activities

Parents are expected to meet the full cost of activities which take place more than 50% out of school time. If the activity is organised to meet the requirements of the syllabus of a public examination, parents are expected to cover the cost of board and lodging, and invited to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport and other items. Full charges will be made for any residential trips taken outside of school time.

Examinations

Parents who wish their child's examination work to be re-marked by the examination board are expected to meet the full cost from the examination board.

Pupil Premium

The pupil premium fund will be used to financially support the curriculum experience and enrichment activities (as outlined in this policy) of disadvantaged students, in any way it can. Any requests to use this funding in this way must be discussed and agreed with the Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for this fund.

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