

The Hawksmoor Learning Trust

Charging and Remissions Policy 2021

Educational and Residential Visits

The Governing Body of the Academy believes that an important part of its work is achieved through a carefully structured program of educational visits, which range from half-day visits through to 5-day residential visits for Year 6.

We also believe that visiting speakers, workshops or theatre sessions, artists in residence, dance tuition and other important educational activities are important so too are weekly swimming sessions. We make private arrangements for swimming for year groups 3-6 with the local Leisure Centre and a charge is levied to cover the pool hire and tuition costs.

The Governing Body has approved a policy for charging for such activities, therefore we ask for voluntary contributions to finance these. If the level of voluntary contributions is insufficient to cover the cost of the activity then the academy may have to cancel that activity. We appreciate parents' support and their understanding of the academy's policy and the difficulties of continuing rising costs especially for transport. We make every endeavour to keep costs to a reasonable level.

If any parent feels they cannot afford a particular visit etc., individual cases will be considered on their merit and sympathetic consideration will be given to genuine cases of financial hardship. The school would not wish any child to be disadvantaged and would urge parents to contact the Headteacher, in confidence, if hardship exists. We always offer payment by instalments, if this helps with more expensive visits. In addition, we are aware that visits can put financial pressure on all families especially if there is more than one child involved and we regularly subsidise visits from academy funds.

Music Tuition

Musical instrument tuition for woodwind, brass, percussion, keyboard and strings has to be charged for. Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Service charge the parents directly for providing this tuition.

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