

**St. Peter's Centre**  
Medical Short Stay School



**Charging and Remissions Policy**

Reviewed: May 2025

## Contents

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Aims .....                        | 1 |
| 2. Legislation and guidance.....     | 1 |
| 3. Definitions .....                 | 1 |
| 4. Roles and responsibilities .....  | 2 |
| 5. Where charges cannot be made..... | 2 |
| 6. Where charges can be made .....   | 3 |
| 7. Voluntary contributions .....     | 4 |
| 8. Activities we charge for .....    | 4 |
| 9. Remissions.....                   | 4 |
| 10. Monitoring arrangements .....    | 4 |

## 1. Aims

Our school aims to:

- Have robust, clear processes in place for charging and remissions
- Clearly set out the types of activity and items that can be charged for and when charges will and will not be made
- Offer a range of activities and visits whilst minimising the financial barriers that may prevent some pupils from taking full advantage of these opportunities

## 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 to 462 of which set out the law on charging for school activities in England.

## 3. Definitions

- **Charge:** a fee payable for specifically defined activities and items
- **Remission:** the cancellation of a charge which would normally be payable

## 4. Roles and responsibilities

### 4.1 The Mangement Committee

The Mangement Committee has overall responsibility for approving the charging and remissions policy, but can delegate this to an individual member or the headteacher.

The governing board also has overall responsibility for monitoring the implementation of this policy.

Responsibility for approving the charging and remissions policy has been delegated to the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Monitoring the implementation of this policy has been delegated to the Headteacher

### 4.2 Headteachers

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 that they are unsure about or where they are not certain if the policy applies

The school will provide staff with appropriate training in relation to this policy and its implementation.

### 4.4 Parents/carers

Parents/carers 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 we set out 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/carer
- 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 (LA) has a statutory obligation to provide transport
- Transporting registered pupils to other premises where the governing board or LA has arranged for pupils to be educated
- Transport that enables a pupil to meet an examination requirement when they have 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, covering for teachers who are absent from school, accompanying pupils on a residential visit

## 6. Where charges can be made

Below we set out what we **can** charge for:

### 6.1 Education

- Any materials, books, instruments or equipment, where the child's parent/carer wishes the child to own them
- Optional extras (see section 6.2)
- 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

We 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 LA or governing board has arranged for the pupil to be provided with education)

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
- 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/carers 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 that is to be charged for.

## 7. Voluntary contributions

As an exception to the requirements set out in section 5 of this policy, the school is able to ask for voluntary contributions from parents/carers to fund activities that would not otherwise be possible.

Some activities for which the school may ask parents/carers for voluntary contributions include:

- School trips

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

- Stationary

To support students in being well-prepared and organised for their learning, the school will make a **voluntary request** for parents/carers to provide basic stationery items and subject-specific GCSE resource packs. These resources are intended to enhance students' access to essential learning materials and support their academic progress.

While supplying these items is encouraged, it is not compulsory. Where some families may face financial constraints, and parents/carers are welcome to contact the school in confidence to discuss any concerns or alternative arrangements.

- Food technology ingredients

As part of our Wider Curriculum, students will have the opportunity to prepare and cook a variety of dishes. To ensure we can continue providing high-quality ingredients for these lessons, we kindly ask that parents contribute towards the cost of ingredients, your child will consume the item or bring it home for you to try.

**There is no obligation for parents/carers to make voluntary contributions, and no child will be excluded from an activity or be disadvantaged if their parents/carers are unwilling or unable to pay.**

## 8. Activities we charge for

The school have no chargeable activities

## 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 Headteacher and will depend on the activity in question.

## 10. Monitoring arrangements

The Headteacher monitors charges and remissions, and ensures these comply with this policy.

This policy will be reviewed by The Headteacher annually.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Chair of the Finance Committee.