



DUKE'S

ALDRIDGE ACADEMY

POLICY	
Title	CHARGING OF ACADEMY ACTIVITIES
Date Revised and Agreed	October 2018
To be Reviewed	September 2020
Reviewed by	Finance Personnel and General Purposes
Frequency of Review	Annual

As an academy we wish to steward this money wisely to enable us to provide the best possible education for children attending the academy. All activities connected with the curriculum are fully funded from the academy budget. The academy also wishes to offer a range of extension and enrichment activities to its pupils and community that deepen their experience and development. The academy wishes every child to have the opportunity for a range of enrichment experiences during their time at the academy which is balanced and reflective of their interests and aptitudes. The academy monitors participation of its students in enrichment activities. The academy seeks to make a significant budget allocation for enrichment activities each year. However, in relation to some of these voluntary activities financial contributions are sought from parents to enable the widest range of provision to be offered.

The document sets out our charging policy which complies with DfE guidance and the requirements of the 1996 Education Act. The DfE guidance is available on request from the academy or at <http://www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/advice/f00213976/school-charging>

Parental Contributions

Parents will be encouraged to make financial contributions to academy activities where appropriate. On any occasion where a contribution is invited, parents will always be made aware that any such contribution is voluntary, that children of parents who do not contribute will not be treated any differently, and that if there are not enough voluntary contributions to make up the shortfall then the activity must be cancelled.

The principal activities for which there are charges at present are:

Educational visits

There is an expectation that the full cost of non-curriculum required education visits will be covered by contributions. The academy tries to organise a programme of visits, the vast majority of which is at minimal or no charge. The academy will seek to find charitable funding to support those children who would otherwise, for financial reasons, not be able to achieve a rounded range of enrichment activities during their time at the academy and reflective of their interests and aptitudes.

If a particular activity cannot take place without some help from parents this should be explained at the planning stage.

Music tuition

The academy offers a range of instrumental and voice tuition lessons on an individual and group basis. The costs of these lessons is heavily subsidised by the academy but a small participation charge is made which is reviewed annually.

Responsibility for application of the policy

The Headteacher is responsible for deciding when a voluntary contribution should be sought from parents.

Complaints Procedure

If anyone in the school community feels that this policy is not being followed then they should raise the matter first with the Headteacher and, if concerns persist they should be raised under the academy's complaints procedure which is available on request from the academy

Copies of this policy will be available on the academy website.

This policy has been agreed by the Headteacher and the Governing Body.