



**Walkwood**  
Church of England  Middle School

## Charging and Remissions Policy

Governing Body Committee responsible:	Staff, Premises and Commerce		
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“So to help you get your previously promised gift ready, it made sense to me to ask the brothers and sisters to go on ahead so you will have all the time you need to put it together as planned and so it doesn’t look thrown together or coerced.”

*2 Corinthians 9:5*

“Church of England Schools have at their heart a belief that all children are loved by God, are individually unique and that the school has a mission to help each pupil to fulfil their potential in all aspects of their personhood: physically, academically, socially, morally and spiritually. Schools have a duty to try to remove any factor that might represent a hindrance to a child’s fulfilment. We want all pupils to want to engage in learning in a safe and welcoming ethos.”

*Valuing All God’s Children, Church of England, 2014*

“The core purpose of any Church school is to maximise the learning potential of every pupil within the love of God.”

*SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) 2012*



The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities can make towards a student's all-round educational experience and their personal and social development.

## Charging

For any activities where charges can be made, the Academy will levy such charges.

For any activities where charges cannot formally be levied, the Academy will ask for, "voluntary contributions". The Principal will have the delegated authority to determine whether any such activity will continue, dependent upon the level of financial response from parents. Parents will be invited to make a voluntary contribution for transport, entrance fees or other charges in connection with an educational visit. No child will be excluded from any activities requiring voluntary contributions that do take place through failure to make such a contribution.

Please note, however, that any child can be excluded from such activities as part of our Academy disciplinary procedures.

## Charging in kind

From time to time parents are asked to contribute to the cost of certain craft activities and letters of explanation are sent home at the appropriate time.

Charging for music tuition, photocopying and private telephone calls are charged at cost price.

Any insurance costs will be included in charges made for trips and activities.

## Remissions

The Governing Body may remit charges in full or in part to parents after considering specific hardship cases. The Governing Body invites parents to apply, in strictest confidence, for the remission of charges directly to the Principal. The Principal has delegated authority to determine whether a bursary shall be given.

Subsidies from various sources, e.g., School Fund, will be considered to help towards the cost of activities for pupils who are unable to pay the full amount. This would take the form of a bursary and can only be offered if funds are available.

Subsidies from various sources, e.g., School Fund, will be considered to cover deficits should funds be available.

Pupil Premium is distributed as per Government guidelines and is published annually on the Academy's website.