



Governing Body of Newport Girls' High School
Statement of Charging and Remissions Policy

1. The Education Reform Act, 1988 requires the Governing Body to:- "...determine and keep under review a policy with respect to the provisions of, and the classes or descriptions of cases in which they propose to make charges for, any optional extra or board and lodging in respect of which charges are permitted by Section 109 of this Act,..."
2. The Governing Body have noted that the Education Reform Act allows charges to be made in the following areas:-

Optional Extras: Activities not related to the National Curriculum or to prescribed public examinations or to fulfil duties relating to Religious Education taking place out of school time.

Individual Instrumental Tuition: Individual instrument tuition not related to the National Curriculum or to prescribed public examinations.

Materials used in craft subjects: Subject to the parents having agreed in advance that they wish to own the finished product.

Board and Lodgings charges: At any time (in school time or otherwise) subject to full remissions to those parents in receipt of Income Support or Family Credit Benefits for residential visits taking place or deemed to take place in "school time".

Examination Entry Fees:

Public examinations not prescribed in regulations;

Prescribed public examinations where the pupil has not been prepared by the school;

Resits of prescribed public examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school.

3. The Education Reform Act does not debar voluntary contributions being made by parents.

The Governing Body would wish to try and ensure that the level of visits and activities established at the school continue but emphasises to parents that this can only happen with their full support and that activities will either be substantially reduced or cease altogether if parents are not prepared to contribute voluntarily.

The Governing Body note that parents are not debarred from making voluntary contributions in any situation including those in receipt of Income Support and Family Credit contributing towards the costs of board and lodging if they so wish.

The Governing Body also notes that there are no restrictions on the level of voluntary contribution that can be made nor are there any restrictions as to the use to which such contributions may be put.

4. The Governing Body notes that the Education Reform Act prescribes:

- * that no charge may be levied for school activities taking place or deemed to take place in school time;
- * that voluntary contributions must be genuinely voluntary;
- * that there is no obligation on parents to contribute and that pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution.

The Governing Body recognises that participation in all trips and visits is voluntary and notwithstanding the charging requirements parents have the right, for whatever other reasons, to choose that their children do not participate.

5. The Charging and Remissions Policy for the Newport Girls' High School will, for the time being, be as follows:-

- (a) The Governors reserve the right to make charges where the law allows and as set out in 2 above.
- (b) Individual instrumental tuition able to be accommodated at the wishes of parents will be on the understanding that parents meet the full costs involved.
- (c) From time to time it may be possible for the costs of trips and activities to be subsidised either wholly or in part from private school funds. Parents will also be informed when these occasions arise.

(d) The Governing Body have instructed the Head to include in the schools disciplinary code that parents will be asked to meet or contribute towards the costs of damage to, or loss of, school property arising out of individual pupils' behaviour.

6. This policy statement will be kept under review.

7. There is a separate Pupil Premium Policy for those in receipt of Free School Meals, children of Service Personnel or Looked After Children.