

CHARGING POLICY

LEA Policy

The Governors have accepted and adopted the LEA Policy on Charges for School Activities which has been drawn up to fulfil the requirements of the Education Reform Act, 1988. We therefore, support the principle of maintaining the right to free school education.

Charges for School Activities

The effect of the LEA policy is that the school will not charge for any activities which take place during the school day but will depend on parents' voluntary contributions in order to provide activities such as swimming, trips and visits, and to some extent practical work in Food Technology and Design.

Limited funds are available to help children whose parents are in receipt of Income Support / Family Credit so that they are not debarred on financial grounds from taking part in these activities.

However, it must also be clearly understood that some activities, especially expensive trips will not be able to take place unless there is sufficient financial support from parents. Any parents in receipt of Income Support/Family Credit who would like to discuss the support available for their child should contact the Principal.

SWIMMING:

Because it is considered essential that as many children as possible should learn to swim, all Year 7 students will continue to go to the swimming baths on a regular basis.

Parents will be asked, in advance, to make a contribution to the cost of swimming lessons. Any shortfall will be found from other sources so that no student is deprived of the opportunity of learning how to swim.

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ARTEFACTS:

Courses involving the production of artefacts also involve costs, which traditionally have been borne at least in part by the parents. Parents now have the right to refuse to pay for such items. Parents will be informed in advance of the costs involved in the production of articles and invited to purchase the said articles. If the parent refuses to purchase and the item is made, then it becomes the property of the school and can be disposed of in any way that we choose. Students are offered a range of projects which involves making a selection of artefacts from different materials. These could include

items which are expensive to make, smaller and possibly cheaper items, or items which can be made at little or no cost to the student or the College.

The LEA makes no allowance for additional funds to cover the cost of materials. Therefore, where possible, some of the costs of production may be recovered from students and their parents and any funds derived from such sales are at the disposal of the Principal, becoming part of the main capitation total, and may be used to subsidise Faculties which do not have a facility for making money yet have the expenses emanating from educational trips and visits.

MUSIC TUITION:

Costs of selected ensemble music instrumental tuition, given in the college by peripatetic teachers, will be arranged and paid for by the college at an approved hourly rate. When requested, other, individual instrumental tuition by peripatetic teachers, can be arranged by the college, and the parents billed directly by the Leicestershire Arts. With the additional opportunities associated with the 'Challenge and More Able' strand of Excellence in Cities, it might be possible to find some funding to support individual musicianship and specialist lessons, as long as genuine commitment is demonstrated.