

# West Monmouth School



## Charging Policy

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## 1. Opening Statement

It is school policy that charges will not be made for items or activities which are essential to a good education.

## 2. Curriculum Related Trips and Visits

- The school meets the criteria of the 1988 Education Act prohibiting charges for those trips and visits that are essential to the curriculum. Very few come into this category: most are desirable and serve to enrich the course of study. This is explained fully in letters requesting parental permission for any visit. The school may ask parents to volunteer to bear some or all of the cost of such trips.
- The school accepts that if, on principle, parents do not wish to pay for such trips, they have the right to refuse.
- The school assists those parents who find the cost of the trip is beyond their means
- All monies collected are refunded if, due to lack of support, a trip has to be cancelled.

## 3. Recreational Trips and Visits

Some trips are clearly recreational including those which are arranged to reward good behaviour engagement and attendance. In such cases, parents will normally have to pay the full costs. However, the school will subsidise the participation of fsm eligible pupils where possible.

## 4. Materials for Lessons/Projects

- Parents may rarely be asked to contribute where finished items are to be taken home, e.g. Design Technology (food, textiles, wood, plastic, metal items) and Art (pottery.) Any such charges will be waived for fsm eligible pupils.
- All resources necessary to enable pupils to fully access subject curricula such as revision guides, art materials and specialist clothing will be provided free of charge to fsm eligible pupils. This will be funded by PDG.

## 5. Wilful Damage

The Governing Body may charge parents if their child carries out wilful damage or if they lose school property such as text books.

## 6. Chrome Books

From September 2022, all pupils entering the school in year 7 will be provided with a Chromebook free of charge. These devices remain the property of the school but parents will be required to pay for losses and damages as outlined in the Chromebook Loan Agreement document.

## **7. Examinations**

If a pupil fails, without good reason, to complete the requirements for any public examination for which the Governing Body has paid or is liable to pay an entry, it can recover the fee from the parent. This might happen if the pupil did not complete the coursework, or did not attend one or more of the examination papers.

## **8. Music Tuition**

All pupils who choose to follow the Music GCSE course in years 10 &11 will have free access to peripatetic lessons in their chosen instrument. This will be funded by PDG.

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## **9. Concluding Statement**

In all cases where charges are made, it will be the school's intention to charge the precise cost of the service provided.

**The Governing Body, in consultation with the Headteacher, the staff and parents, will regularly review this policy and associated procedures in order to ensure its continuing effectiveness.**

