

CHARLES DARWIN ACADEMY TRUST

Charging Policy

The basic principle underlying the provisions of the Education Reform Act is that education provided wholly or mainly during school hours is free.

Charging is permitted for the following activities:

- (a) The full costs of board and lodging on residential visits.
- (b) The full costs associated with individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument, whether in or out of school time. Exceptions are pupils pursuing GCSE or Advanced Level Music courses. Some financial support for these students may be available through the school fund.
- (c) The full costs of activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours, but which are not provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination and are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties related to the National Curriculum or to Religious Education.
- (d) Examination re-take fees.

Voluntary Contributions

From time to time the school may seek voluntary contributions from parents for some activities and materials that otherwise may not be possible to provide. Such activities may include:

Exceptional additional revision support outside of normal school hours – weekends and school holidays.

Equipment issued on loan to students

The school will normally require student to pay for any items not returned to the school or any that are broken whilst in the care of the student.

Pupil Premium

For pupils for whom the school is in receipt of the Pupil Premium the school may use some of the pupil's grant to offset the costs associated with the above activities.

*Reviewed by Finance and Audit Committee
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