



Mullion CP Charging Policy

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This policy is drawn up in accordance with the requirements of section 457 of the Education Act, 1996 as amended by section 200 of the Education Act 2002.

There are four principles underlying the provisions on charging:

1. That education in schools should be free.
2. That activities offered wholly or mainly during normal school teaching time should be available to all pupils regardless of their parents' ability or willingness to help meet the cost.
3. That there is no statutory requirement to charge for any form of education, but that schools have the discretion to charge for optional activities provided wholly or mainly out of school hours.
4. That schools have the right to invite voluntary contributions for the benefit of the school, or in support of any activity organised by the school, whether during or outside school hours.

1. Optional visits wholly or mainly outside school hours.

The school will charge the full cost of visits 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 not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education. The cost could include travel, insurance, admission charges and meals.

2. Visits wholly or mainly during school hours.

The school will invite voluntary contributions toward the cost of visits which take place wholly or mainly during school hours and which may, or may not, be provided as part of the broader curriculum. The cost of the trips will include travel, insurance and admission charges. Governors will authorise a trip only if all those who wish to go are willing to make a voluntary contribution to cover the financial outlay.

3. Board and lodging charges on residential visits.

The school will charge the full cost of board and lodging on visits taking place wholly or mainly during school hours, or if out of school hours, provided as part of the syllabus for a prescribed public examination or required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious education.

Where the parents are in receipt of income support, jobseeker's allowance (income based), child tax credit (but only when the recipient does not also receive working tax credit and has an annual income of less than £15,575), support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, guarantee element of State Pension Credit or disability working allowance, the board and lodging charges must be remitted, and this cost will have to be met from within the school's funds i.e., for educational activities the subsidy may come from the delegated budget; for social activities the subsidy may come from private funds (these can also be used for education activities).



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The costs of transport, insurance, admission charges, etc. incurred during residential trips may not, however, be charged, although voluntary contributions may, of course, be requested and could become a necessary prerequisite for the visit taking place.

4. Individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument.

The school will not charge for musical tuition where it is provided by school staff, whether in or out of school hours. However where tuition or ensemble activities are provided by external agencies and peripatetic teachers a charge may be made to pupils concerned.

5. Charges for ingredients, materials and equipment.

The school is prepared to provide any ingredients, materials, equipment needed for the delivery of the curriculum. Parents who are willing to contribute in cash, or in kind, can be encouraged to do so on a voluntary basis. The school may charge for, or invite parents to supply, ingredients, materials and equipment if parents have indicated in advance a wish to own the finished product.

6. Charges for breakages and fines.

If school equipment or property is damaged due to behaviour which breaks the schools code of conduct, parents will be contacted and asked to pay, at least in part, towards replacement equipment.

7. Recovery of unpaid charges.

Sums payable by parents for board and lodging, as part of a residential trip are recoverable as civil debts by the school.

Summary of main points.

1. Optional trips wholly or mainly outside school hours will be charged at full cost.
2. Trips wholly or mainly during school hours may be funded by voluntary contributions. NO child will be excluded from such a trip because the parents are unable or unwilling to pay a voluntary contribution.
3. Board and lodging costs on residential trips will be charged except to those parents in receipt of income support, jobseeker's allowance (income based), child tax credit (but only when the recipient does not also receive working tax credit and has an annual income of less than £15,575), support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, guarantee element of State Pension Credit or disability working allowance.
4. Individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument by a teacher employed by the Southerly Point Multi-Academy Trust in or out of school hours will not be charged for. However where tuition or ensemble activities are provided by external agencies and peripatetic teachers a charge may be made to pupils concerned.



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5. Schools may invite voluntary contributions towards the cost of ingredients, materials and equipment where parents have expressed the wish in advance to have the finished product.

6. Schools may make charges for breakages and damage to property.

Signed 

Kate Wilson Chair of governors.

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