

## **Stormont House Charging and Remission Policy**

### **Background**

The Governing Body of Stormont House School recognises the valuable contribution that a range of activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences, can make towards students' education and experiences. The Governing Body aims to promote and provide such activities both as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the students of the school and as additional optional activities.

### **Charges:**

#### **School Residential Journeys**

The school will charge for the board and lodging element of approved residential activities plus the cost of meals, refreshments and entrance fees. Residential School journeys are an important part of our curriculum, and we start with the expectation that all will attend unless there is an exceptional risk related to individual needs. Students in Year 12 take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, which includes a practice and final expedition.

#### **Activities outside School Hours**

The school run a range of school activities (clubs) between 3.30 and 4.30. Currently there is no charge for students taking part in these clubs. This is kept under review by Governors and the Senior Leadership Team as it may become necessary to introduce fees in the future. Students may only attend a club once parents have completed a form giving permission for the student to attend and confirming arrangements for the student being collected or making their way home as an independent traveller.

#### **Instrument tuition**

The school does not offer individual or small group music lessons, all students have the opportunity to join Music Club during lunch time for which there is no charge at present.

#### **Charging in Kind**

At present the school make no charge for ingredients or materials used in Food Technology, Art or Design Technology, this is however kept under review by the Governors and the Senior Leadership Team and may become necessary to charge in the future.

#### **School Property**

The Governors reserve the right to charge parents/ carers for non-accidental damage to, or loss of, school property.

#### **General**

The Governing Body may, from time to time, amend the categories of activity for which a charge may be made. Nothing in this policy statement precludes the Governing Body from asking parents to make a Voluntary Contribution towards the cost of additional activities which take place in school time. Parents may be advised that the continuance of an activity may depend upon voluntary contributions, but once it has been decided to run such an activity no qualifying child will be excluded on the grounds of voluntary contributions.

#### **Remissions**

The Governing Body may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity parents will be invited to apply in confidence for the remission of charges in full or in part. Authorisation for such remission will be made by the Headteacher.