



CARDINAL HEENAN  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

# Charging and Remissions Policy

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## **Our Mission Statement**

John Carmel Heenan (1905-1975) was Bishop of Leeds, Archbishop of Liverpool and Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. This school is a living tribute to a very faithful servant of God. We are proud to bear his name.

We wear the word Veritas (Truth) on our school blazers in memory of St Thomas Aquinas. He lived a life of prayer and study which led him to the Dominican Order, whose motto is "Veritas" or "Truth". He sought truth wherever it could be found and burned with the desire to know the one truth, God, which gives meaning to all truths.

The Catholic Christian community at Cardinal Heenan

- helps pupils to know and build a relationship with Jesus Christ
- forms pupils who live the Catholic faith by prayer, sacraments and service
- makes learning challenging and enjoyable for all so that we will secure the best outcomes and remain lifelong learners who are committed to seeking truth
- helps all to learn and grow, treating one another with respect and generosity
- supports parents as the first and most important educators of our children
- inspires excellence by encouraging every individual to be the person that God calls us to be, in preparation for this life and the life to come

## **Aim**

The aim of this policy is to set out what charges will be levied for activities, what remissions will be implemented and the circumstances under which voluntary contributions will be requested from parents.

## **Responsibilities**

The Governing Body of the school are responsible for determining the content of this policy and the Headteacher for implementation. Any determination with respect to individual parents will be considered jointly by the Headteacher and Governing Body.

## **Charges cannot be made for .....**

The Governing Body of the School recognise that legislation prohibits charges for the following;

- Education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment).
- Education provided outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education.
- An admission application to any state funded school.
- Tuition for pupils learning to play musical instruments or vocal tuition if this is required as part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education.

- Entry for a prescribed public examination, if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school.
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- Education provided on any trip that takes place during school hours.
- Education provided on any trip that takes place outside school hours if it is part of the National Curriculum, or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school, or part of religious education.
- Supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential trip.
- Transporting registered pupils to or from the school premises, where the local education authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport.
- Transporting registered pupils to other premises where the governing body or local education authority has arranged for pupils to be educated.
- Transport that enables a pupil to meet an examination requirement when he or she has been prepared for that examination at the school.
- Transport provided in connection with an educational trip.

#### **Charges may be made for .....**

- Board and lodging on residential visits (not to exceed the costs).
- The proportionate costs for an individual child of activities wholly or mainly outside school hours ('optional extras') to meet the costs for;
  - Travel
  - Materials and equipment
  - Non-teaching staff costs
  - Supply teachers engaged purely for optional extras
  - Entrance fees
  - Insurance costs
- Vocal and musical instrument tuition.
- Re-sits for public examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school.
- Examination fees where a pupil fails without good reason to sit the exam.
- Any other education, transport or examinations where no further preparation has been provided by the school.
- Any other education, transport or examination fee unless charges are specifically prohibited.
- Breakages and replacements as a result of damages caused wilfully or negligently by pupils.
- Extra-curricular activities and school clubs.
- Damage/vandalism/loss to and of school property.
- Community Use / Lettings.
- Lost text books and library books.

#### **Remission**

Children whose parents are in receipt of the following support payments will, in addition to having a free school lunch entitlement, also be entitled to the remission of charges for board and lodging costs during residential school trips which form part of the curriculum offer, and are not optional.

The relevant support payments that qualify for remission are;

- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, where the parent is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and whose annual income (as assessed by HMRC) does not exceed £16190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- An income related employment and support allowance

### **Voluntary Contributions**

Although the school cannot charge for school time activities, parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution to make school funds go further. When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost.

All contributions are voluntary. If the school does not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, it is likely that the trip/visit/activity may be cancelled. If a trip goes ahead, it may include pupils whose parents have not paid some or any contribution. It is the school's policy not to treat any one pupil differently from another on the grounds of ability to pay.

Parents will be invited to make a voluntary contribution for visits that are not part of the school's formal educational provision but which enhance the experience of pupils. The terms of any request made to parents will specify that it is a voluntary contribution and in no way represents a charge. In addition the following will be made clear to parents;

- a) that the contribution is genuinely voluntary and a parent is under no obligation to pay
- b) that registered pupils at the school will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request.

The responsibility for determining the level of voluntary contribution is delegated to the Headteacher.

Voluntary contributions may be used to;

- pay for, or subsidise, the costs of visit (including travel, transport fees etc.)
- pay governors 10% contribution to devolved capital spending
- specified school events or developments

### **Refunds**

Surplus monies at the end of a visit will be refunded to staff or pupils if the surplus is £5.00 or more per person. Staff or pupils who have made a contribution to the cost of the trip/activity or visit and have not paid the full amount will receive a refund that is

proportionate to their original payment. Surplus monies of less than £5 per person will be paid into the Governor's Fund.

### **School Meals**

The Governing Body will determine and publish annually the price to be charged for school meals.