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This policy is written to comply with the Independent School Standards and is based on the National Curriculum and Ofsted framework.



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1. Aims

Our school aims to:

- Have robust, transparent processes in place for charging and remissions
- Clearly set out the types of activity that can be charged for and when charges will and will not be made
- Offer a range of activities and visits whilst minimising the financial barriers that may prevent some pupils from taking full advantage of these opportunities

2. Legislation and Statutory Guidance

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on [charging for school activities](#) and [the Education Act 1996](#), sections 449 to 462 of which set out the law on charging for school activities in England.

It's also based on guidance from the DfE on [statutory policies for schools and academy trusts](#).

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Where charges will not be made

All education during school hours is free in accordance with section 106(4) of the 1988 Education Reform Act. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum or Culture and Enrichment days.

Below we set out what we **will not** charge for:

3.1 Education

- Admission applications
- 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
 - A syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school
 - Religious education
- Entry for a prescribed public examination if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school
- Examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit(s) at the school

3.2 Transport

- Transport that enables a pupil to meet an examination requirement when they have been prepared for that examination at the school
- Transport provided in connection with an educational visit

The Oaks Independent School meets the cost of all school meals. This comes at no cost to the pupils.



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4. Voluntary Contributions

As an exception to the requirements set out in section 5 of this policy, the school may request voluntary contributions from parents/carers to fund activities that would not otherwise be possible.

Some activities for which the school may ask parents/carers for voluntary contributions include:

- School trips
- Extra-curricular activities and experiences

There is no obligation for parents/carers to make any contribution, and no child will be excluded from an activity if their parents/carers are unwilling or unable to pay.

If the school is unable to raise enough funds for an activity or visit, then it may be cancelled.

5. Links with other policies

This assessment policy is linked to:

- Curriculum policy
- Equality and Diversity policy