

The Canterbury Centre

Charging and Remissions Policy

The Management Committee of The Canterbury Centre wishes to maintain the right to free education but at the same time recognises the valuable contribution that additional, costed activities such as visits can make towards pupils' health, complementing their personal and social education.

To allow such visits to take place it may be necessary to ask parents to make voluntary contributions to the cost of such visits.

If children take part in a residential visit in school time, parents may be asked to agree in advance to make a contribution towards the board and lodgings.

Parents may be asked to contribute to the cost of individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument whether in or out of school time.

Parents with children taking part in activities that take place wholly or mainly outside school time may be asked for contributions.

Any charge made in respect of individual pupils may not exceed the actual cost of providing the optional extra activity, divided equally by the number of pupils wishing to participate.

Parents may be charged the cost of repairing/replacing damaged equipment or property where the damage is the result of their child's behaviour.

Parents may be asked to provide "in kind", or pay for, sewing or cooking materials, if the parents have indicated in writing their wish to have the finished product.

Parents may be asked to contribute voluntarily to provide educational visits for their children, on the clear understanding that no child will be omitted from any activity by inability to contribute but that activities may not take place if adequate funds are not forthcoming.

The centre will endeavour to help financially those parents who find difficulty in contributing to any activity.