

# Yesodey Hatorah Girls Secondary School

## Charging Remissions Policy



### **Charging and remissions policy**

Any charges made by the school meet the requirements of the Education Act 1996 – Charging and Remissions Policy. No pupil will have access to the curriculum denied through financial constraints.

### **Aim**

To enable all pupils to have access to wide programme of trips and activities within the framework of a fair system of charging.

### **Practice**

- Charges will not be made for any trip or activity which forms an essential part of the National Curriculum or is required by a public examination syllabus.
- Activities which take place during the normal school day will not incur a charge with the exception of instrumental music tuition unless it is part of a GCSE or NVQ course.
- Voluntary contributions may be asked for trips which take place mainly within school time. No pupil will be excluded if they cannot pay but the school reserves the right to cancel any trip if insufficient monies are collected to make it financially viable.
- Where a significant proportion of a trip takes place out of school time a charge will be made. The cost of board, lodging, entrance fees, travel and other sundry expenses on residential trips will be charged.
- Examination entries will be met by the school under normal circumstances. However, the school reserves the right to reclaim examination entry fees from parents of pupils who fail to turn up to an examination for reasons which the school finds unacceptable. If illness is the reason, a doctor's certificate must be sent to the school as soon as possible.
- In practical subjects parents may be asked to fund the cost of materials/ingredients and if such a contribution is made they will be entitled to keep the finished product. Parents will be charged for any loss or damage to school property through the misconduct and gross negligence of their children.

### **Remission**

Charges for board and lodging will be remitted, if the trip is for an educational purpose, where the parents are in receipt of benefits, currently defined as income support, income based job seekers allowance (payable under the Jobseekers Act 1995), income related employment and support allowance or any other benefit or allowance, or entitled to any tax credit under the Tax Credits Act 2002 or element of such a tax credit, prescribed for the purposes of Education Act 1996.

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