

Park Hall Junior Academy

GOVERNORS' POLICY ON CHARGING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES **Review - September 2022**

The Education Reform Act sets out to provide free education for children. There are, however, certain things which are not covered by the standard school budget. We set out below our policy for dealing with these.

1. Parents may be asked for voluntary donations or voluntary contributions towards the cost of educational visits.
2. Parents may be asked for voluntary donations or voluntary contributions towards the costs of visiting theatre groups and other visitors that support the curriculum.
3. Parents may be asked for voluntary donations or voluntary contributions towards ingredients for cooking or materials for practical activities.
4. A charge will be made in respect of individual tuition in playing a musical instrument. Instruments are loaned to the children to practise their skills. If an instrument is damaged, parents will normally be expected to pay the full cost of repairs for damage caused by accident, damage or neglect.
5. A charge may be made in respect of Extra Curricular activities, including Curriculum Clubs and Sports Clubs.
6. Parents may be asked to make a voluntary donations or voluntary contributions towards school performances, through the sale of tickets and photographs.
7. Parents may be asked to pay for broken windows, defaced, lost or damaged books or equipment.
8. Parents may be asked to pay for full copies of an OFSTED report and any similar reports or plans. The cost will be no more than the cost of copying.
9. Parents may be asked for voluntary donations to school funds.

In the event of parents being asked to make a voluntary donations or voluntary contributions, there will be no obligation to pay and pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have done so. If the activity cannot be funded without voluntary donations or voluntary contributions, the head teacher will make this clear to parents at the outset.

Parents may speak, in the strictest confidence, to the head teacher if they are unable to pay, consideration may then be given to supporting the family.