



**The Edith Borthwick School**

# **CHARGING & REMISSIONS POLICY**

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### **(Governing Body)**

The school governors, in reaching this policy, accept that the funds available to the school allow little or no scope for the funding of school trips and excursions.

However, in order to maintain a life skills curriculum which enables our learners to benefit from the rich stimuli to be found in different environments outside the school, both in the local community and further afield, the governors would want to support the organisation of educational visits during school hours, of evening visits and residential trips.

### **Educational Visits (day)**

These are organised by teachers or groups of teachers, who will normally negotiate reduced or free entry into places of interest, museums etc. Coaches may sometimes need to be hired for these trips where a group is too large for minibuses. On these occasions parents will be asked to make voluntary contributions to the trip. If insufficient funds are available the trip may unfortunately be cancelled.

### **Evening Trips**

As above, parents will be asked to make voluntary contributions if entry fees are payable.

### **Residential Trips**

These trips are more expensive, but form an important addition to the curriculum. Parents will be asked to make a contribution to costs of residential trips. Teachers and Learning Support Assistants organise fund-raising events to help with these costs and financial help for individual students can be sought if needed.

(Voluntary contributions to the school, awards from grant awarding bodies, and the work of the Friends' Association help to finance school trips and journeys. These, however, cannot be relied upon)

### **Examination Fees**

Where students are entered for assessment leading to national accreditation, e.g. Entry Level, ASDAN, OCR, LCCI, GCSE, course and examination fees are paid in full by the school.

## **Breakages, Intentional Damage to Buildings and property**

The school has very clear guidelines for pupils/students regarding their behaviour whilst on the school site and on link courses at other establishments. The Governors acknowledge that some students may have emotional and behavioural difficulties which sometimes result in loss of personal control. They also recognise the high priority given to support and guidance for all pupils within the school. They therefore feel strongly that, when non accidental damage has been done by their children to buildings or property within the school or other sites used by the school, parents should make a contribution to the costs of repair. Parents will be contacted immediately in the event of damage caused by their children.

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