



St Aloysius' College
Hornsey Lane, Highgate, London N6 5LY
Specialist Mathematics & Computing College

Charging Policy

Education Reform Act 1988 (DES Circular 2/89)

The Governors of St. Aloysius' College wish it to be known that their charging policy as required under the Education Reform Act 1988 is as follows:

1. Education during school hours

The basic principle underlying this provision is that any form of education provided during the school day must be free of charge subject to the exemptions below. The school may charge for the supply of materials, e.g. in Technology if parents have indicated in advance their willingness to own the finished product.

2. Education outside school hours

No charges will be made for education or associated incidentals where the education is provided to fulfil the requirements of a specified public examination syllabus, e.g. Field Courses in GCSE Biology and Geography. The only charge which may be made will relate to travel and accommodation on residential visits (see paragraph 6).

3. Voluntary contributions

The provisions of the ERA 1988 do not in any way prohibit or restrict the school from seeking voluntary contributions to support school visits and activities. The Governors wish it to be known that they will continue the practice of requesting parents to make voluntary contributions to support activities which by tradition have taken place partly or wholly during the school day, e.g. Renewal days, Theatre, Museum and other educational visits of a similar nature. It is important that the letter sent to parents makes clear that the contribution is *voluntary*. The following form of words is appropriate:

“Under the Education Reform Act 1988, we are not allowed to charge for an educational activity, except in certain circumstances. A voluntary contribution of £... is, however, requested. Unless most parents are prepared to make this contribution, it may not be possible to proceed with this activity.

Any parent who has genuine difficulty in supporting this activity financially is invited to contact the Headmaster for assistance.”

4. Breakages and Fines

Parents and pupils to know that they may require parents to pay the full cost of replacing broken windows or defaced, damaged or lost equipment, including textbooks, where this is the result of a pupil's unacceptable behaviour.



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5. Public Examinations

Parents the cost of entering pupils for public examinations where the pupil has not been prepared by the school, either where the pupil has received private tuition or where he is re-sitting an examination for which the school had earlier prepared him but where no additional preparation has been given. If a pupil fails without good reason to complete the examination requirements for any public examination, then the governors will require the parents to pay the full entry fee. Failure to complete examination requirements will be deemed to include failure to complete coursework requirements and/or failure to sit final examination papers.

6. Remission of Charges

The Governors intend to remit those charges for board and lodging for those pupils whose parents receive income support or family credit, with respect to school hours or partly within the school hours.

7. Policy

The Governors will revise this policy in the light of any advice received in the future from the Local Education Authority.