

DURHAM TRINITY SCHOOL & SPORTS COLLEGE

POLICY ON CHARGING

1 INTRODUCTION

- a. All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

- a. When organising school trips, visitors or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the learners, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include learners whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these learners differently from any others.
- b. If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the learner to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.
- c. The following is a list of additional activities, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:
 - Visits to museums; places of interest
 - Sporting activities which require transport expenses
 - Outdoor adventure activities
 - Visits to or by a theatre company
 - School trips abroad
 - Musical events
 - Visitors delivering workshops to the pupils

3 RESIDENTIAL VISITS

- a. If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or weekends we suggest a subsidised charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled.

4 MUSIC TUITION

- a. All learners study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

5 SWIMMING

- a. The school organises swimming lessons for all primary and secondary sensory pupils. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are taking place.

6 MONITORING AND REVIEW

- a. This policy is monitored regularly by the Governing Body and will be reviewed every two years, or earlier if necessary.

Approved by Finance Committee on 18 October 2018