

<b>Vision statement</b>
BRIDGE is a family of schools committed to high performance. We embrace a universal culture of excellence in the learning communities we build.
<b>Aims</b>
To continue building a Multi Academy Trust that promotes strong values, an excellent education for all children, develops highly effective School Teams, is financially secure, and ensures effective governance.
To nurture, support and encourage aspirations by providing excellent learning opportunities, inspiring teaching environments, and a creative approach to curriculum subjects that secures engagement from all our learners resulting in high levels of academic progress and outcomes.
To develop outstanding leadership, teaching and support teams by valuing committed, reflective staff, and providing rigorous and challenging professional development for continual School Improvement.
To develop hubs as centres of learning excellence to disseminate best practice, firstly within and then beyond, the Trust.
To successfully engage and communicate with parents/carers in our local communities, supporting the children's progress, well-being and achievement.

## Charging and Remissions Policy

<b>Purpose</b>
The purpose of this policy is to set out the circumstances under which the school will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• levy a charge to parents/carers;</li> <li>• grant a remission of normal charges; and</li> <li>• ask for voluntary contributions.</li> </ul>

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## CHARGES AND REMISSIONS POLICY

The Trust has maintained the Cornwall Council policy in respect of charging and remission, which was drawn up in accordance with the requirements of Section 457 of the Education Act, 1996 as amended by section 200 of the Education Act 2002.

The Trust recognises that there are a number of activities that will only take place if parental contributions are available but it stresses that no student should be excluded from any activity because of the liability or unwillingness of their parents to pay such a contribution. It is expected that Staff members with children who wish to take part in these activities, should make a contribution to the trip.

It is the intention of the Trust to charge the full cost of visits which take place wholly or mainly outside Academy hours, but which are not provided as part of the syllabus, for a public examination and not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious studies. The cost could include travel, insurance, admission charges, meals and, if desired, a sum of money to enable some pupils to go on the visit without payment or to cover teachers' travel costs, where a separate contract is issued.

It is the intention of the Trust to invite voluntary contributions toward the cost of visits which take place wholly or mainly during Academy hours and which may, or may not, be provided as part of the syllabus, for a prescribed public examination and may, or may not, be required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious studies. The cost could include travel, insurance, admission charges and, if desired, a sum of money to enable some pupils to go on the visit without payment or to cover teachers' travel costs.

It is the intention of the Trust to charge the full cost of board and lodging on visits taking place wholly or mainly during Academy hours, or if out of Academy hours, provided as part of the syllabus, for a prescribed public examination or required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to religious studies. Where the parents are in receipt of income support, jobseeker's allowance (income based), child tax credit (but only when the recipient does not also receive working tax credit and has an annual income of less than £16,190 ), support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 or disability working allowance, the board and lodging charges must be remitted, and this cost will have to be met from within the Academy's funds i.e. for educational activities the subsidy may come from the delegated GAG; for social activities the subsidy may come from the MATs unrestricted funds (these can also be used for education activities).

The cost of transport, insurance, admission charges, etc. incurred during residential trips may not, however, be charged, although voluntary contributions may, of course, be requested and could become a necessary pre-requisite for the visit taking place.

Individual tuition in the playing of a musical instrument provided by external agencies and peripatetic teachers will be charged for, except for those families that receive income support (tax credit, job seekers allowance and disability allowance) who can be subsidised.

Re-sits of prescribed examinations, where no further preparation has been provided by an Academy, will be charged for. Entry to examinations, which are not approved in regulations issued by the Secretary of State, will be charged for.

The Trust may invite voluntary contributions towards the cost of ingredients, materials and equipment where parents have expressed the wish in advance to have the finished product.

The Trust makes charges for wilful and deliberate breakages and damage to property. Sums payable by parents for wasted examination fees, for optional extras to which they have agreed, or for board and lodging, are recoverable as civil debts.