




Yewstock School

Charging & Remissions Policy

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Every school must have, and publish for parents, its charging policy. This policy lists the governors' decisions.

Books and equipment

- Most parents want to buy their children their own pens, pencils, calculators, etc, although subject departments will loan such equipment on request
- Books and stationery are provided free but Year 12/13/14 (College) students who wish to keep a textbook after the end of the course will be asked to pay for it
- Parents of pupils who lose or damage books or equipment issued to them are expected to pay the cost of replacement or repair

Charging for materials

- Parents of pupils who are on practical courses (eg. Food Technology, Art, etc.) and who wish their children to own the finished product will be charged for the materials used

Activities within the school day or part of an examination course:

- Any payment from parents for these activities is voluntary but if parents are unable or unwilling to contribute, it may be that the activity will not be able to take place. Pupils will never be treated differently whether or not their parents have made any such payments

Activities outside the school day and not part of an examination course

- For these activities payment is required for pupils to take part

Residential Visits

- Payment will be required in respect of residential visits taking place mainly outside school time and not required for an examination course
- The governors' policy is not to enter pupils for examination courses requiring residential study mainly within school time

Public Examinations

- The Headteacher has the delegated responsibility to decide whether pupils are entered for particular examinations
- The Headteacher has the authority to charge for examination entries in certain circumstances
- The Headteacher is authorised to request payment for wasted examination fees

Music Tuition

- The Headteacher is authorised to charge for music tuition outside normal classroom activities, when permitted

School Meals

- The cost of a school meal is £2.40 (last increase was November 2021).

Loss and Damage to School Property

- Parents of a pupil who damages or loses any item of school property or equipment, including, for example, windows or computer software, are liable for the cost of repair or replacement.

No child has, or ever will be, excluded from any activity at Yewstock for purely financial reasons. If there are any parents or carers who, in times of financial difficulty, find it hard to make contributions, they are asked to contact the Head Teacher who will deal sympathetically and in the strictest confidence with all enquiries.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Single Equality Policy. The general equality duty requires that, in the exercise of their functions, schools must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010. This should endeavour to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations for all.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Statement:

Yewstock school aims provide a working environment that promotes and supports the mental health and wellbeing of everyone in our school community.

All school policies are reviewed to ensure that each policy reflects our commitment to the protection and promotion of the mental health and wellbeing of all and that we will strive to improve the mental health environment and culture of Yewstock School.

Promoting and protecting the mental wellbeing of children, families and staff is important for physical health, social wellbeing and productivity. Mental health at Yewstock is relevant to all and everyone can contribute to improved wellbeing.