CHARGING POLICY

KET is committed to free school education for all in line with legislation, and will endeavour, within reason and as funding resources allow, to ensure that all activities offered wholly or mainly during the school day are available to all pupils, regardless of their respective parents/carers ability to pay. However, LGBs reserve the right to request a voluntary contribution from parents/carers and, in the event of insufficient funding an activity, will be cancelled.

CHARGES

All charges levied are subject to review by the LGB during the Summer Term each year. The School may charge for:

- Board and lodging on residential educational visits during term time
- Activities wholly or mainly outside school hours which are not a requirement of a public examination or the national curriculum e.g. an annual ski trip.
- Entry fees for public examinations where the pupil is prepared for such an examination outside the school, or is sitting an examination not prescribed in the Education Regulations 1989.
- Entry fees for re-sitting public examinations, unless the pupil is given further preparation for the examination in timetabled lessons.
- Materials or ingredients required for practical subjects such as Technology where the parents/carers have indicated beforehand that they wish the finished product to be owned by them or the pupils. The Subject Leader is to encourage pupils to purchase the finished products and will consider asking for a small deposit at the beginning of the course.
- School property damaged, defaced or lost by their child.
- Music tuition. A subsidised cost will be charged for additional lessons specifically requested by parents/carers for their child to learn a particular musical instrument. The level of subsidy may change from year to year, depending upon budget constraints and may be withdrawn completely.
- Text books pupils wish to annotate and/or keep after their course is completed.

REMISSIONS

Oakgrove School will consider requests for financial support for those parents/carers who are in receipt of qualifying benefits for free school meal entitlement (e.g. Income Support, Child Tax Credit, etc.). In considering such requests the School will need to take into account any financial constraints.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Governors may seek voluntary contributions from parents/carers for the benefit of the School in support of any School activity. Such contributions are to be genuinely voluntary with no obligation on parents/carers to contribute and with no difference in treatment between pupils whose parents/carers have or have not contributed financially.

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