

Charging and Remissions Policy

2024/25

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Introduction

This policy has been produced to set out the approach of The Edge Academy to charging and remissions. Section 1 is concerned with charges to students. Section 2 relates to Commissioning Top-Up fees.

The policy aims to provide transparency in setting charges and ensure consistency in implementation of the Charging Policy.

In implementing this policy, the academy aims to make sure that means of a family are never a barrier to students' learning and engaging, however, where possible our aspiration is for parents/guardians to fully engage and take responsibility for their children.

Section 1

Student Charges

1.1 School Meals

There is no charge to students for meals.

1.2 Curriculum Activities

There is no charge to students for curriculum activities.

1.3 Transport to school

All students entitled to free school meals and those that travel more than 3 miles to school can apply for free school travel assistance from the Local Authority. The Principal may also use discretion to fund travel costs on a case-by-case basis in exceptional circumstances.

1.4 Cost of Materials

No charge will be made for materials, ingredients or equipment used in curriculum activities.

1.5 Examination Entries

The Governing body reserve the right to make a charge for the entry costs of examinations that are wasted without reason acceptable to the academy.

1.6 Lost Equipment

The Governing body reserve the right to charge the cost of replacement for equipment and books that are loaned to students as part of their studies and are not returned in the prescribed time.

1.7 Breakages and damage to academy buildings, furniture or property

The cost of repair caused by wilful damage to academy building or property may be charged to parent/guardians.

The Governing Body reserve the right to amend the charging policy at any time. Notwithstanding this the policy shall be reviewed every year.

Section 2

Commissioner Top-Up Fees

2.1 Year 10 & 11 Students

For the academic year 2024/2025, **all commissioning schools** will be charged a £10,000 top-up fee for each year or part year of a student placement at The Edge.

Year 8 & 9 Students

For the academic year 2024/2025, **all commissioning schools** will be charged a £3,333 top-up fee for each student placement at The Edge on the one-term CONNECT short stay intervention programme.

Any students placed at the school by **a Local Authority** will be charged at a £15,000 top-up fee for each year or part year of a student placement in 2024/2025. If the needs of the student placed by the authority mean that one-to-one tuition is needed, the academy's SENCO will liaise with the relevant authority and agree additional costs for this prior to the placement starting.

All invoices will be raised to commissioning schools for the full year's fee at the start of each academic year or when the placement commences.

Where student placements start in June or July, a reduced charge of £750 only will be levied for the remainder of the academic year.

2.2 Variations

The Principal may, in exceptional circumstances, exercise discretion to vary the usual charging policy.