



TRAFALGAR SCHOOLS' FEDERATION

Charging for Activities Policy

Reviewed by Finance Committee: Spring 2018

Next review: Spring 2019

To enrich the overall educational experience of our children, we regularly organise various school trips and activities, which may occur either out of and/or during school time.

Under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1988 we cannot make a charge for school-time activities, but we may invite parents to make a voluntary contribution. At Trafalgar Infant School and Trafalgar Junior School activities and trips are supported by funds from the respective schools' budgets, PTA funds and voluntary parental contributions.

Voluntary contributions

Most of these activities and trips do however, have costs associated with them. To enable us to maintain the standard and frequency of such activities, the School Leadership Teams (SLT) and Governing Body reserve the right to make charges.

We will ask parents to indicate their support and their willingness/ability to make a contribution at the planning stage of all such activities. It will be explained to parents at this stage that unless enough contributions are received the trip/visit may not go ahead.

The point will always be made that no child will be left out of an activity because his or her parents cannot or will not make a contribution.

Remissions

The Parents/Carers of children who trigger the Pupil Premium Grant will not be asked for and will not be expected to pay for trips and visits. Pupil Premium Grant monies will be used to fund the cost.

In exceptional cases, the Executive Headteacher may exercise discretion to remit all or part of the charges.

Residential Trips in Year 5 & Year 6.

In accordance with the Act, the school is permitted to make a charge for the cost of board & lodging and non-teaching staff in attendance. A voluntary contribution by parents/carers will be requested to cover all other costs associated with the residential trip (i.e. entrance fees, transport, insurance, etc.).

Damage, breakage or loss.

Parents/Carers will be asked to contribute/pay for damage, breakage or loss where it is associated directly with a child's behaviour.

For staff and governors' use only - change control information

Date	Change Description
Spring 2018	Policies for separate schools combined under Federation