Aspire Schools Charging and Remissions Policy

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1. Purpose and context

Aspire Schools aims to provide a broad and balanced education for some of the most vulnerable students in Buckinghamshire. A large percentage of our students come from families who are experiencing social or economic disadvantage. Our aims are to support our students to achieve, no matter what their personal background or circumstances. This policy is therefore crucial to our overall organisational aims.

This policy has been written in line with DfE requirements and in accordance with the Education Act 1996 and Charging for School Activities Guidance 2018.

2. Educational trips and visits

Aspire Schools does not charge for any activities undertaken during school hours that are part of the national curriculum. Furthermore, the Trust has decided not to charge for any additional clubs, trips or visits, whether residential or otherwise, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience for our students.

3. School lunches

All children who attend one of our schools over lunch time will receive a free school meal.

4. Materials and textbooks

Aspire Schools will provide all materials and textbooks that are required by students at any of our schools or services. If textbooks or school materials are not returned when a child leaves the Trust, a charge will be levied to cover the cost of replacing the materials.

5. Loss of or damage to Aspire Schools property

Parents/carers may be asked to meet the costs of replacement of the Trust's property that has resulted from their child's behaviour, whether this be wilful damage, neglect or loss. A charge may be made to cover the cost of replacement or repair, or such lower cost as the Headteacher may decide.

6. Examination entries

Parents/carers of students on roll with Aspire Schools will not be charged for examination entries or resits. However, a charge may be levied in respect of examination entries for young people if Aspire Schools has not prepared them for examination.

7. Uniform

Please see individual school uniform policies.