



Charging and Remissions Policy 2025-26



Contextual Introduction

Pupils who are admitted to the wards within the Southampton Hospital site are all consultant referred. As soon as young people are deemed well enough to receive education, they are taught at bedside or in an appropriate classroom where possible.

Charging

In keeping with DfE legislation, SHS cannot charge for:

- Admission applications
- Education provided during school hours
- Supply of materials, books, instruments or other equipment during school hours
- Education provided outside of school hours if it is a part of the national curriculum
- Entry for prescribed public examinations, if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school; and
- Examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit(s) at the school.

The school may charge for:

- Any materials, books, instruments or equipment where the child's parent wishes the child to own them;
- Optional extras

At SHS, all education during school hours is free, and at no time will any charge be made for teaching received, for any books or resources required or provided, or transport provided between the school and an offsite activity.

School trips are offered as part of the curriculum during school hours and all pupils who are well enough to participate are included. There is no charge made for school trips although voluntary contributions are accepted. Pupils are invited to attend all trips regardless of whether a contribution is made.

At the discretion of the headteacher, SHS reserves the right to levy a charge in respect to wilful damage of school property (including furniture, equipment, books and materials). The charge will be limited to the cost of replacement or repair, or a lower cost at the discretion of the headteacher. This extends to the wilful damage of third party property where a cost has subsequently been recharged to the school.

Remissions

At the discretion of the headteacher, SHS may not charge for "chargeable" items or activities as set out above. The school will take account of indicators such as free school meals, and all available contextual information.

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