

## **CHARGING AND REMISSIONS – HELP WITH COSTS (Parent Friendly Version)**

Penryn College aims to provide an exciting and broad, balanced personal social education for all the children in the school. This involves going beyond the National Curriculum to offer many additional activities such as school trips, music, sport, theatre and residential educational visits. For these extra activities, parents will normally be asked to pay or to make a voluntary contribution to cover costs.

However help is available with these costs and how to qualify for financial help is described here.

For more detailed guidance please see the document on the website “Charging and Remissions Policy – Parent Friendly Version”. It is the aim of the Governing Body to ensure that no pupil is disadvantaged on the grounds of financial hardship.

Where charges would normally be made, the governing body has agreed these will in certain circumstances be reduced or waived altogether. Pupils in receipt (or registered for) free school meals or where the family is in receipt of:

- Income support;
- Income based Job seeker’s Allowance;
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit – as long as the individual is not also in receipt of Working Tax Credit and has an annual income of less than £16,010;
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Extra Working Tax Credit for disability;
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance.

Any family receiving any of the above benefits will have the cost of board and lodging covered for any residential activity that is organised if:

- the activity takes place within school hours;
- it forms an essential part of the syllabus for a prescribed public exam;
- is required to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to RE.

### Help with Music Costs – Subsidy

Children in care and children of Service families, and those currently eligible for Free School meals are entitled to 100% subsidy (up to a maximum of £5 per lesson). Students of families in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)/ or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) are entitled to a 50% subsidy (up to a maximum of £2.50 per lesson).

Assistance is also available for those children with Statements of Special Educational Needs or those learning a minority instrument. A copy of the full policy is available from the Music Department or from the Finance Office.

**The Governing Body recognises that there may be other cases of family hardship which make it difficult for pupils to take part in chargeable activities. When arranging these activities the Governing Body invites parents to apply in confidence for help (remission) of all or part of these charges. Applications will be considered by the Headteacher and notified in writing.**