

STATEMENT ON CHARGING POLICY

In conformity with the requirements of the Education Reform Order (N.I.) 1989, it is the policy of the Royal School Dungannon:

1. To levy, except where pupils are entitled to statutory remission, a charge for all board and lodging costs on residential visits;
2. To levy a charge for activities wholly or mainly outside school hours which are not part of the Common Curriculum, statutory religious education or in preparation for a prescribed public examination;
3. To levy no charge for examination entries, except where:
 - a) The School has not prepared pupils for the examination in the year for which the entry is made, or
 - b) A pupil has failed, for no good reason, to complete the requirements of the examination or to attend for it, or
 - c) A pupil is repeating an A level modular examination, or
 - d) A pupil is repeating an examination for the second time, or
 - e) Unqualified (i.e. fee-paying) pupils are concerned;
4. To levy no charge in respect of books, materials equipment, instruments or incidental transport provided in connection with the Common Curriculum, statutory religious education or in preparation for prescribed public examinations or courses taught at the school, except where parents have indicated in advance their wish to purchase the product; (in the case of books, however, a refundable deposit will be requested and may be reclaimed upon return of all such books in a good condition). This sum only covers a small fraction of all the books' value. The full replacement value may be required as a fine if the deposit is not made; (see note 6)
5. To request non-mandatory contributions from parents for school activities in or out of school time for which compulsory charges cannot be levied but which can only be provided if there is sufficient voluntary funding, whilst ensuring that no pupil is excluded from such activity by reason of inability or unwillingness to make a voluntary contribution;
6. To seek payment from parents for damage to or loss of school property, including books, caused wilfully or negligently by their children;

7. To leave to the Headmaster's decision, the proportion of costs of an activity which should be charged to parents or the school funds;
8. To delegate to the Chairman and the Headmaster the determination of any individual case arising from the implementation of this policy.