

The Springfield Centre

Charging Policy

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Wakefield Pupil Referral Units

Sharing values, celebrating differences, embracing success.

Vision

To enable all our learners to achieve personal success by becoming productive, resilient, responsible members of society.

Mission Statement

We believe all members of our learning community can realise their full potential through:

- raised aspirations



- high quality teaching, provision at a safe supportive and stimulating environment



- successful re-integration with school, further education, training or employment



- preparation for the next stage of their lives celebration of achievement



Policy Statement

This policy outlines the underlying principles and values central to the ethos of WPRUs. It promotes the rights and responsibilities of our learning community based on respect, fairness and social inclusion with regard to the financial constraints affecting learner participation at WPRU. This policy describes circumstances under which we may make a charge.

Ethos

WPRUs recognise the valuable contribution that the wide range of additional activities, including trips, clubs and residential experiences can make towards learners' education. The WPRUs promote and provide these activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for learners at the Centres.

The law states that education provided during school hours must be free. This definition includes materials, equipment and transport provided in school hours by the Local Authority or the Centre. No learner may be left out of an activity because their parents or carers cannot or will not make a contribution of any kind.

Aims (INTENT)

The charging and remission process aims to

- make WPRUs' activities accessible to learners regardless of family income.
- provide a process which allows activities to take place at a minimum cost to parents or carers and learners
- acknowledge the cost of such activities to the WPRUs' budgets.
- respond to the wide variations in family income whilst not adding unexpected burdens to the WPRUs' budgets

Curriculum

WPRUs do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Centre Trips / Visits (IMPLEMENTATION)

When organising centre activities, trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of learners, WPRUs and the Management Committee have decided not to ask for any contribution from parents or carers.

The following is a list of additional activities sometimes organised by WPRUs. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums/art galleries /exhibitions
- sporting activities – sometimes involving transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to the theatre/cinema
- school trips
- musical events

Residential Visits (IMPACT)

If The Springfield Centre organise a residential visit which provides an educational experience directly related to the National Curriculum, WPRUs and the Management Committee have decided not to ask for any contribution from parents or carers.

Loss or Damage

Parents or Carers may be asked to meet the costs of repair or replacement of centre property lost or damaged as a result of a learner's inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The WPRUs will regularly review the appropriateness of the Charging Policy and report on the financial implications to the Management Committee during the academic year.

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