



DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL  
DOWNPATRICK

# **CHARGING POLICY**

## **RATIONALE**

The Education Reform Order seeks to reinforce the principle of free 'State Education'. All essential books, equipment and stationery will be provided by the School within the limits of the finances available. However, this does not preclude parents from buying their equipment on a voluntary basis.

## **GUIDELINES**

1. **a. Costs of entry to examinations**, for which the student has been prepared by the School, will be met by the School.  
**b.** The cost of a re-sit examination will be charged to the parent/guardian.
2. **In Home Economics**, when a parents/guardian wants their son to consume or take home the products of practical lessons, a contribution towards the cost will be charged.
3. **In Technology and Design** when parent/guardians wants their son to take home the products of practical lessons, they will be required to cover the cost in cash or supply materials.
4. **Music tuition** charges are paid by the parent/guardian for any private music lessons which are organized through school and taken during the school day.
5. **In Mathematics** when a parent/guardian wants their son to have their own scientific calculator and maths pack for home use, they will be asked to cover the cost of same.
6. **Print Credits:** pupils will receive print credits each year and can purchase additional credits.
7. **Loss or damage to property, books and equipment:** Parents may be required to cover the costs of loss or damage to property, books and equipment for which their children are responsible.
8. **School Trips and Educational Visits**  
In the event of an educational visit which enriches the Revised Curriculum, KS 4 and KS5 Curriculum, the school will only ask parent/guardian for a contribution to meet some of the costs of the trip/visit. Full costs will be required if an extra curricular trip is organized by school.
9. **Extended Schools activities:**  
The full cost of all Extended School activities will be met through this programme.

#### **10. School Funds**

In order to offset the cost of a non LMS funded activity the school seeks from each family a voluntary contribution to School Funds, at the start of each academic year.

In all cases where charges are levied and a contribution or charge is sought a receipt will be issued to parent/guardian.

No pupil will be debarred from any additional curricular activity solely by the inability to pay.

#### **11 Use of school building (out of school hours) by outside groups.**

In keeping with the EA policy and protocols school premises can be hired for use by groups who meet all the requirements as led out in the EA policy and are approved by Governors.

#### **12. Receipts** will be issued for all cash collected by school for any of the above.