

# iCollege

Alternative Education West Berkshire

## Charging and Remissions Policy 2025-2027

Document Control	
Document Name	Charging and Remissions Policy 2025-2027
Category:	Recommended. Non Statutory
Date:	March 25
Version:	3.3
Written by:	MR/JD
Associated policies and useful information	
Review:	2 years
Status	Approved

1. Key Contact list			
<b>SBM</b>	Karen Price	<b>01635 528048</b>	<a href="mailto:kprice@icollge.org.uk">kprice@icollge.org.uk</a>
<b>Inspiration KS 1 &amp; 2</b>	Siobhan Harvey	<b>01635 877114</b>	<a href="mailto:sharvey@icollge.org.uk">sharvey@icollge.org.uk</a>
<b>The Pod</b>	Rachel Silverthorne	<b>01635 522748</b>	<a href="mailto:rsilverthorne@icollge.org.uk">rsilverthorne@icollge.org.uk</a>
<b>Integration KS 3 &amp; 4</b>	Pietro Framallicco	<b>0118 941 6636</b>	<a href="mailto:pframallicco@icollge.org.uk">pframallicco@icollge.org.uk</a>
<b>Intervention Year 9 &amp; 10</b>	Helen Blunn	<b>01635 49397</b>	<a href="mailto:hblunn@icollge.org.uk">hblunn@icollge.org.uk</a>
<b>The Pod + KS 3</b>	Ian Jones	<b>01635 243208</b>	<a href="mailto:ijones@icollge.org.uk">ijones@icollge.org.uk</a>
<b>Impact</b>	Ian Jones	<b>01635 953294</b>	<a href="mailto:ijones@icollge.org.uk">ijones@icollge.org.uk</a>
<b>Independence Year 11 &amp; Post 16</b>	Angie Palmer	<b>01635 48872</b>	<a href="mailto:apalmer@icollge.org.uk">apalmer@icollge.org.uk</a>

<b>2: Purpose</b>	<p>iCollege aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have robust, clear processes in place for charging and remissions</li> <li>• Clearly set out the types of activity that can be charged for and when charges will be made</li> </ul>
<b>3: Legislation and Guidance</b>	<p>This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on <u>charging for school activities</u> and <u>the Education Act 1996</u>, sections 449-462 of which set out the law on charging for school activities in maintained schools in England.</p>
<b>4: Definitions</b>	<p>Charge: a fee payable for specifically defined activities</p> <p>Remission: the cancellation of a charge which would normally be payable</p>
<b>5: Roles and Responsibilities</b>	<p><b>5.1 The Management Committee (MC)</b>  The MC has overall responsibility for approving the charging and remissions policy, but can delegate this to a committee, an individual governor or the Headteacher. The MC also has overall responsibility for monitoring the implementation of this policy.</p> <p>In iCollege, responsibility for approving the charging and remissions policy has been delegated to the Headteacher</p> <p><b>5.2 The Headteacher</b>  The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring staff are familiar with the charging and remissions policy, and that it is being applied consistently.</p>
	<p><b>5.3 Staff</b>  Our staff are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing the charging and remissions policy consistently</li> <li>• Notifying the Headteacher of any specific circumstances which they are unsure about or where they are not certain if the policy applies</li> </ul> <p>The SLT (Senior Leadership Team) will provide staff with appropriate training in relation to this policy and its implementation.</p> <p><b>5.4 Parents</b>  Parents are expected to notify staff or the headteacher of any concerns or queries regarding the charging and remissions policy.</p>
<b>6: Where charges cannot be made</b>	<p><b>6.1 Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission applications</li> <li>• Education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment)</li> <li>• Education provided outside school hours if it is part of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The national curriculum</li> <li>○ A syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school</li> <li>○ Religious education</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Instrumental or vocal tuition, for pupils learning individually or in groups, unless the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent</li> <li>• Entry for a prescribed public examination if the pupil has been prepared for it at the school</li> <li>• Examination re-sit(s) if the pupil is being prepared for the re-sit(s) at the school</li> </ul>

	<p>6.2 Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transporting registered pupils to or from the school premises, where the local authority has a statutory obligation to provide transport</li> <li>Transporting registered pupils to other premises where the governing board or local authority has arranged for pupils to be educated</li> <li>Transport that enables a pupil to meet an examination requirement when he or she has been prepared for that examination at the school</li> <li>Transport provided in connection with an educational visit</li> </ul> <p>6.3 Residential visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education provided on any visit that takes place during school hours</li> <li>Education provided on any visit that takes place outside school hours if it is part of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The national curriculum</li> <li>A syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school</li> <li>Religious education</li> </ul> </li> <li>Supply teachers to cover for those teachers who are absent from school accompanying pupils on a residential visit</li> </ul>
<p><b>7: Where charges can be made</b></p>	<p>7.1 Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any materials, books, instruments or equipment, where the child's parent wishes him or her to own them</li> <li>Optional extras (see below)</li> <li>Music and vocal tuition, in limited circumstances</li> <li>Certain early years provision</li> <li>Community facilities</li> </ul>
	<p>7.2 Optional extras</p> <p>We are able to charge for activities known as 'optional extras'. In these cases, the school can charge for providing materials, books, instruments or equipment. The following are optional extras:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education provided outside of school time that is not part of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The national curriculum</li> <li>A syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the pupil is being prepared for at the school</li> <li>Religious education</li> </ul> </li> <li>Examination entry fee(s) if the registered pupil has not been prepared for the examination(s) at the school</li> <li>Transport (other than transport that is required to take the pupil to school or to other premises where the local authority/governing board has arranged for the pupil to be provided with education)</li> <li>Board and lodging for a pupil on a residential visit</li> <li>Extended day services offered to pupils (such as breakfast clubs, after-school clubs, tea and supervised homework sessions)</li> </ul> <p>When calculating the cost of optional extras, an amount may be included in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any materials, books, instruments or equipment provided in connection with</li> </ul>

**INSPIRATION KS1 & 2**  
 Foxglove Way,  
 Thatcham, Berkshire,  
 RG18 4DH  
 01635 877114

**POD PLUS KS2 & 3**  
 Modular Building  
 Paynesdown Road,  
 Thatcham, Berkshire,  
 RG19 3TE  
 01635 243208

**IMPACT KS 3**  
 Moorside Community Centre  
 Urquhart Road,  
 Thatcham, Berkshire,  
 RG19 4RE  
 01635 953294

**The POD KS2**  
**INTERVENTION KS3 & 4**  
 88 Newtown Road,  
 Newbury, Berkshire,  
 RG14 7BT  
 01635 49397

**INTEGRATION KS3 & 4**  
 22, Highview,  
Calcot,  
 Reading, Berkshire,  
 RG31 4XD  
 01189 416636

**INDEPENDENCE KS4 & 5**  
 Richmond House, Bath Road,  
 Newbury, Berkshire,  
 RG30 1QY  
 01635 48872

	<p>the optional extra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cost of buildings and accommodation</li> <li>• Non-teaching staff</li> <li>• Teaching staff engaged under contracts for services purely to provide an optional extra (including supply teachers engaged specifically to provide the optional extra)</li> <li>• The cost, or an appropriate proportion of the costs, for teaching staff employed to provide tuition in playing a musical instrument, or vocal tuition, where the tuition is an optional extra</li> </ul> <p>Any charge made in respect of individual pupils will not be greater than the actual cost of providing the optional extra activity, divided equally by the number of pupils participating.</p> <p>Any charge will not include an element of subsidy for any other pupils who wish to take part in the activity but whose parents are unwilling or unable to pay the full charge. In cases where a small proportion of the activity takes place during school hours, the charge cannot include the cost of alternative provision for those pupils who do not wish to participate.</p> <p>Parental agreement is necessary for the provision of an optional extra which is to be charged for.</p> <p>7.3 Music tuition</p> <p>The school can charge for vocal or instrumental tuition provided either individually or to groups of pupils, provided that the tuition is provided at the request of the pupil's parent.</p> <p>Charges may not exceed the cost of the provision, including the cost of the staff giving the tuition.</p> <p>Charges cannot be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the teaching is an essential part of the national curriculum</li> <li>• If the teaching is provided under the first access to the Key Stage 2 instrumental and vocal tuition programme</li> <li>• For a pupil who is looked after by a local authority</li> </ul> <p>7.4 Residential visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We can charge for board and lodging on residential visits, but the charge must not exceed the actual cost.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8: Voluntary contributions</b></p>	<p>As an exception to the requirements set out in section 6 of this policy, iCollege is able to ask for voluntary contributions from parents to fund activities during school hours which would not otherwise be possible.</p> <p>There is no obligation for parents to make any contribution, and no child will be excluded from an activity if their parents are unwilling or unable to pay. If iCollege is unable to raise enough funds for an activity or visit then it may be cancelled.</p>
<p><b>9: Activities iCollege charges for</b></p>	<p>For regular activities, the charges for each activity will be determined by the headteacher and reviewed in September each year. Parents will be informed of the charges for the coming year in September each year.</p>

**INSPIRATION KS1 & 2**

Foxglove Way,  
Thatcham, Berkshire,  
RG18 4DH  
01635 877114

**POD PLUS KS2 & 3**

Modular Building  
Paynesdown Road,  
Thatcham, Berkshire,  
RG19 3TE  
01635 243208

**IMPACT KS 3**

Moorside Community Centre  
Urquhart Road,  
Thatcham, Berkshire,  
RG19 4RE  
01635 953294

**The POD KS2**

**INTERVENTION KS3 & 4**  
88 Newtown Road,  
Newbury, Berkshire,  
RG14 7BT  
01635 49397

**INTEGRATION KS3 & 4**

22, Highview,  
Calcot,  
Reading, Berkshire,  
RG31 4XD  
01189 416636

**INDEPENDENCE KS4 & 5**

Richmond House, Bath Road,  
Newbury, Berkshire,  
RG30 1QY  
01635 48872

<b>10: Remissions</b>	<p>In some circumstances the iCollege may not charge for items or activities set out in sections 7 and 9 of this policy. This will be at the discretion of the headteacher and the MC and will depend on the activity in question.</p> <p>10.1 Remissions for residential visits Parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of board and lodging for residential visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal credit in prescribed circumstances</li> <li>• Income Support</li> <li>• Income Based Jobseekers Allowance</li> <li>• Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999</li> <li>• Child Tax Credit, provided that Working Tax Credit is not also received and the family's income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,105</li> <li>• The guarantee element of State Pension Credit</li> <li>• An income related employment and support allowance that was introduced on 27 October 2008</li> </ul>
-----------------------	---

<b>Jacqueline Davies</b>		<b>Tim Pritchard</b>	
<b>Head Teacher</b>		<b>Chair of Governing Body</b>	
<b>Date:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

<b>Change Record</b>				
<b>Version Number</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Management Committee Minute Reference</b>	<b>Description of Amendments</b>	<b>Review Date</b>
3	14.11.17	H&SP committee	Transferred to icollege format and contact details updated	Oct 2017
3.1			Information reviewed and updated by MR Dec 2021	
3.2	27.02.24	SWBAC	Information reviewed and updated by MR 14 Nov 2023	
3.3	24.4.25	MC meeting	Reviewed by JD. Admin changes, names, dates etc.	March 25

**Keeping Children Safe in Education**

All staff at iCollege take seriously their responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and young people in their care; this includes providing help and support to meet the needs of children as soon as problems emerge; protecting children from maltreatment whether that is within or outside the home, including online; preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

<b>INSPIRATION KS1 &amp; 2</b> Foxglove Way, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG18 4DH 01635 877114	<b>POD PLUS KS2 &amp; 3</b> Modular Building Paynesdown Road, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG19 3TE 01635 243208	<b>IMPACT KS 3</b> Moorside Community Centre Urquhart Road, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG19 4RE 01635 953294	<b>The POD KS2</b> <b>INTERVENTION KS3 &amp; 4</b> 88 Newtown Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7BT 01635 49397	<b>INTEGRATION KS3 &amp; 4</b> 22, <u>Highview,</u> <u>Calcot,</u> Reading, Berkshire, RG31 4XD 01189 416636	<b>INDEPENDENCE KS4 &amp; 5</b> Richmond House, Bath Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG30 1QY 01635 48872
---	---	---	---	---	---