



Maidstone & Malling Alternative Provision

INSPIRING ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH INCLUSION AND SUPPORT

Charging & Remissions Policy

2024 to 2026

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INTRODUCTION

Sections 449-462 of the Education Act 1996 set out the law on charging for school activities in schools maintained by Local Authorities in England.

CHARGING POLICY

1 Education

Maidstone & Malling Alternative Provision **does not charge** for:

- Education provided during school hours (including the supply of any materials, books, instruments or other equipment)
- Education provided outside school hours if it is part of the national curriculum or part of a syllabus for a prescribed public examination that the student is being prepared for in school, or part of religious education
- Entry for a prescribed public examination if the student has been prepared for it in school

Maidstone & Malling Alternative Provision **may charge** for:

The Management Committee and Maidstone & Malling Alternative Provision reserve the right to ask for contributions from parents/carers in the following instances and on the understanding that registered pupils at the school will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution in response to the request:

- Contribution towards lunches
- School uniform
- School Trips

Maidstone & Malling Alternative Provision **will charge** for:

Mainstream Schools are allocated places at The Maidstone & Malling Alternative Provision for KS4 pupils. Should a main stream school require additional places in KS4, or require pupils to access the KS3 Nurture Provision then charges for those places will apply. In addition to the place cost we also will ask for the following to be forwarded for each pupil:

- AWPU
- Any PP, where applicable
- Cost of Examination Entries

2 Residential Visits and Day Visits

Maidstone & Malling Alternative Provision may request a nominal charge for board and lodging on a residential visit.

The responsibility for determining the level of voluntary contribution is delegated to the Headteacher.

No student will be excluded from an activity because parents are unwilling or unable to pay.

3 Damage to school property

The following charges will be levied to parents/carers where costs have been unnecessarily incurred:

- Full replacement or repair costs for wilful damage to equipment and/or property. This may be in instalments and should be agreed with the parents/carers at the point of charge.