



GOVERNORS' POLICY STATEMENT ON LETTINGS

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The Governing Body is responsible for the conditions of hire of school premises. The regulations for hire are set out in the Lighthouse Schools' Partnership 'Lettings of School Premises Policy and Regulations', which are sent to all prospective users; hire charges are reviewed annually to take effect in September. The principles underlying the application of charges to different types of users follow.

Statutory users

Statutory use of school premises takes priority over all other uses. This includes use as a polling station or for political meetings when an election (local or parliamentary) has been declared, use for official meetings of parochial councils or any other statutory purpose which may arise.

A charge may be made to cover the cost of the hire.

School users

The school uses premises out of school hours for meetings (governors, BSA, staff, parents), extended school activities (curricular and extra-curricular), social functions and other purposes.

Governors are aware that this usage incurs costs but usually do not require internal charges to be made. An exception to this is when tickets are sold for an event then the cost of site overtime for rehearsals and performances is reclaimed from the income received from ticket sales.

Community users

The school is used on a regular basis by community groups open to local people.

Governors approve lettings charges annually, set at a level to ensure that the school does not subsidise the lettings but also at a level to encourage such activities. A reduced fee may be charged at the discretion of the Headteacher for a short time to enable a new group to become established.

Other users

A variety of users, such as the annual Dance Eisteddfod, caravan rallies, theatre and dance, football club presentations, social and fundraising events for local groups, guiders' training day, brownie and guide camp and school reunions.

Standard Lettings charges, annually reviewed and approved by the Governors and published on the school website apply, except when any proposed hiring for commercial purposes is referred to the Headteacher and may be subject to a pre-set increased rate.

Authorisation of lettings applications

The Head of Site Operations and School Business Leader authorise lettings on behalf of the Headteacher.