



Hope Academy

A joint Catholic & Church of England Academy

COMMUNITY USE POLICY



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Approved by	Governors
Next review due	November 2026

RESPECT

COURAGE

AMBITION

HOPE

Introduction

The Academy fully supports and encourages community use of its facilities. The Academy will make available to let part of its buildings and grounds to community groups after the end of the Academy day, on Saturdays and during holidays, subject to no interruption or curtailment of Academy use.

The principle aims of the Academy Community Use Policy are to:

- Better meet the needs of local groups and organisations.
- Better integrate the Academy into the local community.
- Increase the utilisation of Academy resources.
- Raise income for the Academy.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Bookings are made through the representative of the Academy.
- Academy related activities have priority.
- No bookings are confirmed more than four months in advance although provisional bookings may be made at any time.
- Users sign a contract that covers:
 - Terms and conditions relating to type and length of use;
 - Cancellation;
 - Damage;
 - Insurance;
 - Charging;
 - Restrictions on use;
 - Licensing for the sale of alcohol or public performances;
 - Parking.
 - The contract may be updated annually or each term.
 - Payment is in advance for single lettings; termly or monthly in arrears for regular lettings.
 - Outline charges are set by the Principal/Governors and reviewed annually.
 - Specific charges are set at the time of the contract.
 - A diary is kept covering all Academy, Academy related and outside use of the premises and grounds after school, in evenings, at weekends and in holidays.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- The “academy authorised representative” is responsible for the construction and regular update of the lettings diary.
- Heads of departments, individual teachers and others staff are responsible for informing the authorised academy representative a term in advance of events outside teaching hours which will use the academy premises.
- Opening and closing the academy is undertaken by the regular caretakers or a casual caretaker or by prior arrangement with an authorised member of staff.
- Supervision during the letting is the responsibility of the user. The user is also responsible for the security of the area of the academy being used.

- Post letting checks are made by the duty caretaker and reported to the academy's authorised representative.
- Follow up of unsatisfactory lettings is made. Due attention is to be paid to avoid undue wear and tear on the buildings and equipment.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The success of lettings can be equated to the degree of utilisation made by the local community together with the net additional income raised by the Academy for the benefit of the Academy community.

The Governors will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the Academy.

Notes

It is agreed in principle that the Academy has an option to use the local leisure centre as the Academy booking agent. Hire charges will be set in line with local rates. (Current prices at appendix A)

This policy can be reviewed subject to demand for community use of Academy facilities.

Appendix A

Fees and Charges

	Adults	Youth
Full grass pitch per match	£78	£55
Full grass pitch per season	£650	£500
MUGA 5 a side per hour	£25	£20
Sports Hall per hour	£51	£31
Sports Hall court per hour	£10	£10
Tennis court per hour	£9	£9
Meeting room weekday p/h	£30	
Meeting room Saturday p/h	£35	

All lettings are subject to a signed up to date Indemnity Agreement being in place