

SCHEDULE 1

SCHEME FOR AIDED PLACES AT ST MARY'S MUSIC SCHOOL

PART IV

MAKING OF GRANTS AND REMISSION OF CHARGES

Charges qualifying for remission

16.—(1) The provisions of this Part shall apply in relation to the making of grants and remission of charges in respect of an aided pupil.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Part, the school shall make grants in respect of school travel expenditure (hereinafter in this Part referred to as “school travel grants”) and clothing expenditure (hereinafter in this Part referred to as “clothing grants”) and shall remit charges in respect of meals provided and participation in field study courses, all in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 18(3) and 24, no grant shall be made in pursuance of this Scheme to a parent of an aided pupil in respect of school travel or clothing expenditure incurred or relating to any period before the date on which he took up an aided place or after the date on which he ceased to hold an aided place; and no such charges as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) in respect of any such period shall be remitted in pursuance of this Scheme.

(4) Where a pupil attended the school before he took up an aided place thereat, then in pursuance of this Scheme—

- (a) no grants shall be paid to his parents in respect of expenditure incurred before the date he took up his aided place;
- (b) no charges shall be remitted in respect of a period before that date.

(5) The parents of an aided pupil shall not be entitled to any grants from the school in respect of such expenditure incurred relating to a period after the pupil has left the school or, if the pupil remains at the school, after the end of the school year in which the pupil attain the age of 20 years nor shall they be entitled to any remission of charges for which they are liable (in lieu of notice or otherwise) in respect of such a period.

(6) In this paragraph, “school travel expenditure” includes school travel expenditure as defined in paragraphs 19 to 24 and “clothing expenditure” has the meaning assigned thereto by paragraph 18(1).

Remission of charges for meals day pupils

17. Where the parents of an aided pupil who is a day pupil satisfy the school at any time during a school year, or the month preceding the beginning of a school year, that they are in receipt of income support under Part VII of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(1) or income-based jobseeker’s allowance under the Jobseekers Act 1995(2), then the school shall remit the whole of any charges for meals—

- (a) for the whole of that school year, where it is satisfied as aforesaid at or before the beginning thereof; or
- (b) for the remainder of the school year where it is satisfied in the course thereof,

notwithstanding that the parents may cease to be in receipt of income support between the school being so satisfied and the end of the school year in question.

(1) 1992 c. 59.
(2) 1995 c. 18.

Clothing grants

18.—(1) In this paragraph “clothing expenditure” means expenditure on items of clothing (including sports clothing) to be worn by an aided pupil either at school or for the purposes of school activities which the school is satisfied—

- (a) has been incurred by the pupil’s parents; or
- (b) is about to be incurred by them but which they cannot, without financial hardship, incur in advance of the payment of grant.

(2) Subject to and in accordance with this paragraph, the school shall, in the cases mentioned in sub-paragraphs (3) and (4), pay a clothing grant to the parents of a pupil holding an aided place thereat in respect of their clothing expenditure.

(3) Unless an aided pupil has been a pupil at the school before taking up an aided place, in a pupil’s first year at the school clothing grant shall be payable in the case of an aided pupil as respects whom the relevant income does not exceed £12,473 and in such case the grant shall be of an amount equal to so much of the clothing expenditure as does not exceed—

- (a) £191, where the relevant income does not exceed £10,950;
- (b) £143, where that income exceeds £10,950 but does not exceed £11,460;
- (c) £93, where that income exceeds £11,460 but does not exceed £11,952;
- (d) £48, where that income exceeds £11,952 but does not exceed £12,473:

Provided that any clothing grant which would fall to be paid in pursuance of this sub-paragraph in a pupil’s first aided year at the school may be paid during the two months immediately preceding that year.

(4) Except where sub-paragraph (3) applies, clothing grant shall be payable in the case of an aided pupil as respects whom the relevant income does not exceed £11,952 and in such case the grant shall be of an amount equal to so much of the clothing expenditure (disregarding expenditure in respect of which such a previous grant has been paid) as does not exceed—

- (a) £73, where the relevant income does not exceed £11,116;
- (b) £38, where that income exceeds £11,116 but does not exceed £11,952.

School travel expenditure qualifying for grants

19. Paragraph 20, 21, 22 or, as the case may be, 23 shall apply to the making of grants in respect of school travel expenditure, that is to say, subject to the paragraph in question, the aggregate expenses incurred in the case of a pupil holding an aided place at the school in respect of his journeys to and from the school—

- (a) by public transport, that is to say, by train, bus, boat, hovercraft or air services available to the public;
- (b) by transport provided in pursuance of arrangements which, at the request of the school, are for the time being approved by the Scottish Ministers;
- (c) by transport provided by an education authority; or
- (d) by any combination thereof.

School travel grants boarding pupils

20.—(1) This paragraph shall apply in the case of an aided pupil who is a boarder (other than a weekly boarder) at the school.

(2) The school shall, in respect of each school year, pay a school travel grant to the parents of an aided pupil thereat in relation to school travel expenditure reasonably incurred in respect of twelve

single journeys either to or from the school actually made by the pupil in that year to visit a parent or guardian or other relative:

Provided that for the purposes hereof—

- (a) where a pupil's expenses are in respect of journeys by public transport and they are in excess of what they would have been if advantage had been taken of available arrangements for reduced or concessionary fares, the excess shall be disregarded;
- (b) where a pupil's expenses are in respect of journeys by air and they are in excess of what they would have been if advantage had been taken of available train, boat or hovercraft services and arrangements for reduced or concessionary fares, the excess shall be disregarded;
- (c) where a visit is to a place other than the pupil's home and his expenses are in excess of what they would have been if the visit had been to his home, the excess shall be disregarded;
- (d) where a visit is to a place outside the British Islands, so much of the expenses as are in respect of a journey between a port, hovercraft or airport within the British Islands and that place shall be disregarded.

School travel grants weekly boarding pupils

21.—(1) This paragraph shall apply in the case of an aided pupil who is a weekly boarder at the school.

(2) Where an aided pupil's walking distance between home and school exceeds 4.8 kilometres, the school shall, in respect of each school year, pay a school travel grant to the parents of an aided pupil at the school in relation to school travel expenditure reasonably incurred in respect of journeys between home and school in that year:

Provided that for the purposes hereof—

- (a) where a pupil's expenses are in respect of journeys by public transport and they are in excess of what they would have been if advantage had been taken of available arrangements for reduced or concessionary fares, the excess shall be disregarded;
- (b) where a pupil's expenses are in respect of journeys by air and they are in excess of what they would have been if advantage had been taken of available train, boat or hovercraft services and arrangements for reduced or concessionary fares the excess shall be disregarded;
- (c) where a journey is to a place other than the pupil's home and their expenses are in excess of what they would have been if the journey had been to the pupil's home, the excess shall be disregarded;
- (d) where a journey is to a place outside the British Islands, so much of the expenses as are in respect of a journey between a port, hoverport or airport within the British Islands and that place shall be disregarded.

School travel grants day pupils

22.—(1) This paragraph shall apply in the case of an aided pupil who is a day pupil at the school.

(2) Where an aided pupil's walking distance between home and school exceeds 4.8 kilometres the school shall, in respect of each school year, pay a school travel grant to the parents of the pupil in relation to school travel expenditure incurred in respect of journeys between home and school in that year:

Provided that for the purposes hereof—

- (a) where a pupil's expenses are in respect of journeys in excess of 40.2 kilometres each way by such transport as is mentioned in paragraph 19, account shall be taken of only so much of the expenses as bears the same proportion to the full amount thereof as 40.2 kilometres bears to the length in kilometres of the journey in question measured with reference to the actual distance by the shortest available route between the pupil's home and the school;
- (b) where a pupil's expenses are in respect of journeys by public transport and they are in excess of what they would have been if advantage had been taken of available arrangements for season tickets or reduced or concessionary fares, the excess shall be disregarded.

School travel grants travel to universities, etc.

23. A school travel grant shall also be payable in respect of school travel expenditure reasonably incurred in relation to journeys actually made by the pupil in the school year within the British Islands for the purpose of attending a university, college or other establishment of further education at the invitation of the establishment with a view to being admitted to that establishment for the purpose of further education; and said grant shall be payable in respect of not more than three such journeys from the school or from the pupil's home to such an establishment and three journeys from the establishment to the school or to the pupil's home in any school year.

Amount of school travel grants

24.—(1) The amount, if any, of the school travel grant for a school year payable in the case of an aided pupil shall be determined as follows by reference to the school travel expenditure for that year in relation to which it is paid and the relevant income as respects the pupil—

- (a) where the relevant income does not exceed £11,129, the school travel grant shall be of an amount equal to that of the school travel expenditure to which it relates;
- (b) in any other case, the school travel grant shall be of the amount, if any, by which the school travel expenditure to which it relates exceeds an amount (rounded down to the nearest multiple of £3) equal to one twelfth of that part of the relevant income which exceeds £10,950.

(2) The school may, in the course of, or immediately before, a school year, make payments on account of the grant which it appears to it will be payable for that year but, where payments on account are made, within three months of the final determination of the amount (if any) of the grant, any overpayment or underpayment of grant for the year in question shall be adjusted by payments between the parents and the school.

Remissions and grants

25.—(1) The questions whether or not the parents of an aided pupil are entitled in or for any school year to—

- (a) remission of charges for meals under paragraph 17,
- (b) school clothing grant under paragraph 18,
- (c) school travel grant under paragraphs 19 to 24,

and the amount or extent thereof shall be determined as provided in paragraph 8 in like manner as questions relating to fees remission in that year are determined under that last mentioned paragraph; provided that in any case where the circumstances are such as are mentioned in either paragraph 8(3)(a) or (b) and the amount or extent of a school clothing grant requires to be determined, the foregoing provision shall not apply.

(2) Paragraphs 8(2), 9, 10, 11(2), (3) and (4) and 12 and the Appendix to this Scheme shall apply for the purposes of paragraphs 16 to 24 as if any references therein—

- (a) to the remission of fees were a reference to the grants and remission of charges for meals mentioned in sub-paragraph (1);
- (b) to remission questions were a reference to the questions so mentioned.

Remission of charges for field study courses

26.—(1) In this paragraph a “field study course” means a course of field study (provided by the school or otherwise) which forms part of a course of school education at the school for any examination conducted by the Scottish Qualifications Authority or other examinations comparable thereto, being examinations in—

- (a) biology;
- (b) botany;
- (c) geography;
- (d) geology;
- (e) zoology;
- (f) music; or
- (g) any other subject approved for the purposes hereof by the Scottish Ministers,

and a reference to a relevant public examination shall be construed accordingly.

(2) Charges which the school would otherwise make in respect of the participation in a field study course of an aided pupil while holding an aided place at the school shall be remitted in accordance with this paragraph.

(3) The remission of charges mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) shall be made if, and only if, the pupil in respect of whom remission is to be made—

- (a) is a candidate or prospective candidate for a relevant public examination; and
- (b) their parents are entitled in accordance with Part III of this Scheme to remission of fees in whole or in part for the school year in which the course is held.