
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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EDUCATION, SCOTLAND

The St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) Regulations 1986

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 73(f) and 74(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980(a), and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:-

PART I
GENERAL

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1986.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:-

“the Act” means the Education (Scotland) Act 1980;

“aided place” means any place at the school, in respect of which place fees are to be remitted in accordance with these regulations;

“aided pupil” means any child who has been admitted or is about to be admitted to an aided place;

“child” includes a step-child and a child adopted in pursuance of adoption proceedings (and “father” and “mother” shall be construed accordingly); declaring that notwithstanding the definition in section 135(1) of the Act, “child” includes a person who is over school age but has not attained the age of 20 years at the commencement of any school year of the school;

“employment” includes the holding of any office and any occupation for gain; and “employed” shall be construed accordingly;

“European Community” means the area comprised by the member states of the European Economic Community (including the United Kingdom) as constituted from time to time;

(a) 1980 c.44.

“fees” means -

(a) tuition and other fees the payment of which is a condition of attendance at the school; and

(b) fees for public examinations paid by the school in respect of candidates from the school;

“financial year” has the meaning assigned thereto by regulation 10(1);

“first aided year” has the meaning assigned thereto by regulation 3(3);

“income” and “relevant income” have the meanings respectively assigned thereto by regulation 11(1) and 11(2);

“national of a member state of the European Community” means any person who is a national of any member state of the European Community (including the United Kingdom) as constituted from time to time;

“school” means St Mary’s Music School, Edinburgh;

“school day” means any day during which the school is open for the attendance of pupils; and

“school year” means a period of 12 months commencing on 1st August of any year;

(2) Except where the context otherwise requires, any reference in these regulations to the parents of a child or aided pupil is a reference -

(a) in the ordinary case, to his father and mother or, where one is dead, to the survivor and, should he remarry, his spouse;

(b) where his father or mother, having actual custody of him, has married a person who is not his parent, to that parent and his spouse;

(c) where his parents, defined as in sub-paragraph (a) are divorced or, in any of the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (4), separated, to that one of them who has, or in pursuance of an order of a court is entitled to, actual custody of the child or aided pupil and, should that person being divorced remarry, his spouse;

(d) where he has no parents defined as in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c), to his guardian or guardians (if any) or to any person or persons who have been granted custody in pursuance of an order of a court;

(e) where he has no parents so defined and no guardian, or where there is no order of a court granting custody, to the person or persons who have actual custody of the child or aided pupil or to any person who has custody in terms of section 47 of the Children Act 1975(a).

(3) Where -

(a) a child or aided pupil either has no parents defined as in paragraph (2)(a), (b), (c) or (d) or he has such parents whose whereabouts are unknown; and

(b) he is in the care of a local authority or a voluntary organisation under any enactment or is subject to a supervision requirement imposed by a children’s hearing under section 44 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968(b),

(a) 1975 c.72.

(b) 1968 c.49.

then, for the purposes of these regulations, he shall be treated as a child or aided pupil whose parents have no income and subject thereto any reference in these regulations to his parents shall be construed as a reference to the authority or organisation in whose care or under whose supervision he is.

(4) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (2)(c) are that the parents are separated under an order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by a deed of separation or, where they are not separated as aforesaid, that either it is not reasonably practicable to find one of the parents or that in pursuance of an order of a court -

- (a) one parent is liable to make periodic payments to or for the benefit of the other or one or more of their children; or
- (b) one parent has been given custody of, or access to, one or more of their children; or
- (c) one parent is prohibited from entering the matrimonial home.

(5) In these regulations, any reference to a regulation or Schedule is a reference to a regulation of, or a Schedule to, these regulations and any reference in a regulation or Schedule to a paragraph is a reference to a paragraph of that regulation or Schedule as the case may be.

PART II

ELIGIBILITY FOR REMISSION OF FEES

3.—(1) A child shall be eligible for remission of fees payable to the school only if all the conditions mentioned in this Part are, so far as relevant, satisfied in his case.

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall prevent a child from being admitted to an aided place in advance of its being ascertained that such a condition is satisfied if the admission is subject to the condition being satisfied.

(3) In this Part “first aided year” means the school year in which a child would first take up an aided place if admitted thereto.

Conditions as to residence

4.—(1) It shall be a condition that the child shall either -

- (a) have been ordinarily resident in the British Islands throughout the period of two years immediately preceding 1st January in the calendar year in which his first aided year begins (hereinafter referred to as “the relevant date”); or
- (b) in the case of such a child as is mentioned in paragraph (2) have been so ordinarily resident in the European Community; or
- (c) in the case of a child who is a refugee as is mentioned in paragraph (3), have not been ordinarily resident outside the British Islands since he or, in the case mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)(d), his parent, was recognised as a refugee or granted asylum or granted leave to enter or remain, as the case may be.

(2) The child referred to in paragraph (1)(b) is one who is resident in the British Islands on the relevant date and is the child of a national of a member state of the European Community who -

- (a) where he is employed on the relevant date, is then in employment in the British Islands; or
 - (b) where he is not employed on that date (by reason of retirement or otherwise), was last employed in such employment.
- (3) The child who is a refugee referred to in paragraph (1)(c) above is -
- (a) a child recognised by Her Majesty's Government as a refugee within the meaning of the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees done at Geneva on 28th July 1951(a) as extended by the Protocol thereto which entered into force on 4th October 1967(b); or
 - (b) a child who enjoys asylum in the United Kingdom in pursuance of a decision of Her Majesty's Government though not so recognised; or
 - (c) a child who has been informed in writing by a person acting under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Home Department that, although he is considered not to qualify for asylum or for recognition as a refugee, it is thought right to allow him to enter or remain in the United Kingdom, and has been granted leave to enter or remain accordingly; or
 - (d) a child who is the child of a person who is so recognised, or has been granted such asylum or leave to enter or remain in such circumstances.

Conditions as to age

5. It shall be a condition that a child shall either -

- (a) have attained the age of 8 years before taking up an aided place at the school; or
- (b) will attain that age on or before 31st July next following his taking up an aided place.

Conditions as to education

6. It shall be a condition that a child shall follow a course at the school of education in music (otherwise than wholly or mainly in connection with singing in a choir).

Conditions as to income

7.—(1) It shall be a condition that the parents of the child, when applying to the school for an aided place shall have furnished the school with -

- (a) a declaration of relevant income for the financial year immediately preceding the school year in relation to which the application for fee remission is made, or

(a) Cmd. 9171.

(b) Cmnd. 3906 (Out of print; photocopies of the English text are available, free of charge, from the Scottish Education Department, Room 617B, 43 Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh EH1 1DN).

- (b) if such a declaration cannot be furnished, a declaration of relevant income for the financial year preceding that financial year and a declaration of estimated relevant income for that financial year; and
- (c) such other information as may be specified for the purposes hereof by the Secretary of State.

(2) The school shall not admit to an aided place a child whose fees for his first aided year would not fall to be remitted in whole or in part in pursuance of Part III of these regulations.

Conditions as to furnishing of information

8. It shall be a condition that the parents of the child, when applying to the school for an aided place, shall have furnished the school with such information as is requisite for determining whether he is eligible for selection for such a place.

PART III

REMISSION OF FEES

References to remission questions

9.—(1) For the purposes hereof “remission questions” mean the questions whether or not the parents of a pupil are entitled to any remission of fees payable in respect of him and the extent of such remissions.

(2) Questions whether aid should be granted as hereinafter provided by way of remission of fees shall be determined by the school for the school year in which a pupil takes up an aided place and for each subsequent school year by reference to the relevant income as respects the pupil, whether or not the parents have been entitled to any aid as respects a previous school year; and such questions and aid are hereinafter referred to, respectively, as “aid questions” and “aid”.

(3) Where either -

- (a) the pupil holds an aided place at the school for part only of the school year or leaves the school part way through the school year, or
- (b) the number of children of the parents who hold aided places differs for different parts of the school year,

aid questions shall be determined by the school for that part, or separately for those parts, and the extent to which fees in respect of part of a school year are to be remitted shall be that proportion of the amount by which the fees for the whole school year would fall to be remitted which is the proportion which the fees for the part bear to the fees for the whole school year, and for the purposes of this paragraph the duration of the school year and such part shall be calculated with reference to the total number of school days occurring therein respectively.

References to financial years

10.—(1) For the purposes of this Part “financial year” means, subject to paragraph (2), a year ending with 5th April and, in relation to a particular school year, “preceding financial year” means the financial year preceding that school

year and "current financial year" means the financial year which includes the first day of that school year.

(2) Where the parents of a pupil satisfy the school that their income is wholly or mainly derived from the profits of a business or profession or vocation carried on by either or both of them, then if the parents and the school so agree, any reference in this Part to a financial year shall be construed as a reference to a year ending with such date as appears to the school expedient, having regard to any accounts kept in respect of that business, profession or vocation and the periods covered thereby:

Provided that, where that year ends with a date after 5th April but before the beginning of a school year then, in relation to that school year, "preceding financial year" shall mean the year last so ending before 6th April in the calendar year in which the school year begins and "current financial year" shall mean the year so ending on or after that 6th April and before the beginning of the school year.

References to income

11.—(1) For the purposes of this Part the income of any person for a financial year shall, subject to the provisions of Schedule 1 be taken to be his total income for that year; and in this paragraph and that Schedule, "total income" has the same meaning as in section 32 of the Finance Act 1971(a).

(2) For the purposes of this Part "relevant income" as respects parents of an aided pupil means, in relation to any financial year, their income for that year aggregated with the unearned income for that year, if any, of the pupil himself and of any other of the parents' children who are wholly or mainly dependent on them at the time the relevant income is calculated less, where paragraph (3) or paragraph (4) applies, the sum there mentioned; and in this paragraph the reference to unearned income is a reference to income other than such as arises from gainful employment.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4) the relevant income, calculated as aforesaid, shall be reduced by £900 in respect of each person other than the aided pupil who -

(a) at the time the relevant income is calculated, is wholly or mainly dependent on the parents or on payments made to him or for his benefit by one or both of them, and

(b) is a child or other relative of one or both of the parents:

Provided that, for the purpose of sub-paragraph (a), there shall be disregarded payments, other than sums paid as mentioned in paragraph 3(e) of Schedule 1 thereto, which fall to be deducted in ascertaining total income for income tax purposes and, accordingly, are taken into account in calculating relevant income in pursuance of paragraph (2).

(4) Where a child (other than the aided pupil) who is wholly or mainly dependent on the parents or on payments made to him or for his benefit by one or both of them is the holder of an award of a kind described in paragraph (5) and there has been deducted, in calculating the amount of that award, a

(a) 1971 c.68.

sum exceeding £900 in respect of the parental contribution which is assumed to be available as part of the resources of that child, that sum shall be deducted from the relevant income in lieu of the £900 prescribed in respect of that child by paragraph (3).

(5) The awards referred to in paragraph (4) are -

(a) (i) an allowance granted by the Secretary of State for Scotland pursuant to regulations from time to time in force or having effect under sections 73 and 74 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980(a) providing for the payment of allowances to students(b);

(ii) A bursary granted by an education authority pursuant to regulations from time to time in force and having effect under section 49 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 providing for the payment of bursaries to persons undertaking courses of full-time education which are not courses of school education(c);

(b) a mandatory award paid by a local education authority in England or Wales pursuant to regulations from time to time in force under section 1 of the Education Act 1962(d) providing for the payment of awards to students attending specified courses of further or higher education(e);

(c) an award made by -

(i) an education and library board in Northern Ireland pursuant to article 50 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(f) and regulations from time to time in force thereunder(g), being an award for the purpose of enabling or encouraging the holder to take advantage of educational facilities specified in or designated under such regulations; or

(ii) the Department of Education for Northern Ireland pursuant to article 40 of the said Order and regulations from time to time in force thereunder being an award in respect of attendance at a course for the training of teachers.

(6) In this regulation any reference to the parents of an aided pupil is a reference to the persons who are his parents at the time the relevant income is calculated.

(a) 1980 c.44.

(b) The regulations in force at the date on which these regulations were made were the Student's Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 1971 (S.I. 1971/124), to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations. The administrative arrangements for assessing assumed parental contributions were set out in the "Guide to Students' Allowances 1986-87" (Form AB2) published in April 1986 by the Scottish Education Department and the supplement thereto copies of which are obtainable from the Scottish Education Department, Awards Branch, Haymarket House, Clifton Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5DT.

(c) The regulations in force at the date on which these regulations were made were the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Regulations 1985 (S.I. 1985/1120).

(d) 1962 c.12; section 1 was substituted by Schedule 5 to the Education Act 1980 (c.20) and amended by section 4 of the Education (Grants and Awards) Act 1984 (c.11).

(e) The regulations in force at the date on which these regulations were made were the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1985 (S.I. 1985/1126).

(f) S.I. 1986/594 (N.I. 3).

(g) The regulations in force at the date on which these regulations were made were the Students' Awards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 (S.R. (N.I.) 1985 No. 301).

General provisions relating to remission

12.—(1) The parents of an aided pupil shall not be entitled to any remission of fees for which they are liable in respect of a period before the pupil took up his aided place or (in lieu of notice or otherwise) after he has left the school or, if he so remains at the school, after the end of the school year in which he attains the age of 20 years.

(2) The parents of an aided pupil shall be under no obligation to apply for remission of fees as respects a particular school year if they consider themselves not entitled thereto but if, as respects such a year, they do not -

- (a) duly apply to the school for remission of fees payable for that year; or
- (b) subject to regulation 13(4) duly furnish the school with the information and supporting evidence requisite for determining remission questions;

they shall not be entitled to any remission of fees for that year.

(3) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that, in the case of a particular aided pupil, his parents have furnished information required for determining remission questions which they know to be false in a material particular, or have recklessly furnished such information which is false in a material particular, he may direct that those parents shall not be entitled to any remission of fees in the case of that pupil and, if he so directs, in the case of any other of their children who are aided pupils, as respects a specified school year and, if he so directs, any subsequent school year:

Provided that -

- (a) the Secretary of State shall not give a direction hereunder without affording the parents concerned an opportunity to make representations or without considering such representations;
- (b) the giving of a direction hereunder shall be without prejudice to its variation or revocation by a subsequent direction.

(4) This regulation shall have effect notwithstanding anything in regulation 9 or any other provision of these regulations.

13.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) remission questions shall be determined by reference to relevant income in the preceding financial year.

(2) Where one of the pupil's parents has died after remission questions have been determined but before the end of the current financial year and the school are satisfied that the income of the surviving parent in that year, when aggregated with that of the deceased parent, is likely to be less than their aggregated income in the preceding financial year, the remission questions shall be redetermined by reference to the current financial year; and in such case, paragraph (1) shall have effect as if the reference therein to the preceding financial year were a reference to the current financial year and the reference to the pupil's parents in paragraph (2) of regulation 11 included a reference to the deceased parent (notwithstanding the provision of paragraph (6) of that regulation).

(3) This paragraph shall apply in a case not falling within paragraph (2) if -

- (a) the school are satisfied that the relevant income in the current financial year is, as a result of some event beyond the control of the pupil's parents,

likely to be not more than 85% of the relevant income in the preceding financial year, or

- (b) the school, though not satisfied as aforesaid, are satisfied that the relevant income in the current financial year is likely to be so much less than the relevant income in the preceding financial year that financial hardship would result from remission questions being determined by reference to that year; and the Secretary of State approves the application of this sub-paragraph;

and, in a case in which this paragraph applies remission questions shall be determined in relation to the school year in question and, unless and until the Secretary of State otherwise directs, any subsequent school year by reference to the current financial year and, in such case, paragraph (1) shall have effect as if the reference therein to the preceding financial year were a reference to the current financial year.

(4) Where it is not reasonably practicable for the parents to furnish before the beginning of the school year, the requisite information as to relevant income for the appropriate financial year then, in relation to that school year, remission questions may be determined provisionally, by reference to relevant income for earlier financial years as the school think fit but -

- (a) no such provisional determination shall be more favourable to the parents than one arrived at by reference to an estimate furnished by the parents of relevant income for the appropriate financial year;
- (b) a provisional determination shall cease to have effect when the parents have furnished the requisite information or if the school are satisfied that it has become reasonably practicable for them to do so but they have failed to furnish it, and
- (c) within three months of the determination of the remission questions any over-remission or under-remission of fees shall be adjusted by payments between the parents and the school.

Remission of fees - boarding pupils

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

(2) Where the relevant income for the appropriate financial year does not exceed £5,859, the fees shall be wholly remitted.

(3) In any other case the fees for the school in respect of each aided pupil shall be remitted to the extent (if any) necessary to secure that the parents' residual liability for that pupil's fees is of an amount (rounded down to the nearest multiple of £3) equal to the aggregate of the specified percentages of those parts of the relevant income referred to in column (1) of the following Table, being the percentages -

- (a) specified opposite those parts in column (2), where only one child of the parents holds an aided place at the school;
- (b) so specified in column (3) where two children of the parents hold such aided places;

(c) specified for the purposes hereof by the Secretary of State, where more than two children of the parents hold such aided places.

TABLE

(1) <i>Part of relevant income to which specified percentage applies</i>	(2) <i>Only aided pupil</i>	(3) <i>Each of two aided pupils</i>
That part which exceeds £5,710 but does not exceed £7,210	10%	7.5%
That part (if any) which exceeds £7,210 but does not exceed £10,130	20%	15%
That part (if any) in excess of £10,130	10%	7.5%

Remission of fees - day pupils

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

(2) Where the relevant income for the appropriate financial year does not exceed £7,359 the fees shall be wholly remitted.

(3) In any other case the fees in respect of each aided pupil shall be remitted to the extent (if any) necessary to secure that the parents' residual liability for that pupil's fees is of an amount (rounded down to the nearest multiple of £3) equal to the percentage mentioned below of that part of the relevant income which exceeds £7,210, namely -

- (a) 10% of that part, where only one child of the parents holds an aided place at the school;
- (b) 7.5% of that part, where two children of the parents hold such aided places;
- (c) such percentage of that part as is specified for the purposes hereof by the Secretary of State, where more than two children of the parents hold such places.

16. Where the parents of an aided pupil also have a child who is the holder of an assisted place in Scotland as defined in regulation 2(1) of The Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Regulations 1986(a), or is the holder of an assisted place at an independent school in England or Wales by virtue of a scheme operated by the Secretary of State for Education and Science pursuant to section 17 of the Education Act 1980(b), the parents' residual liability for fees shall be calculated in accordance with regulations 14 and 15 as the case may be above as if their child who is an assisted pupil held an aided place for the purposes of that regulation.

(a) S.I. 1986/1104.
(b) 1980 c.20.

PART IV

MAKING OF GRANTS AND REMISSION OF CHARGES

Charges qualifying for remission

17.—(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 regulations 19(3) and 25 no grant shall be made in pursuance of these regulations 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 paragraph (2) in respect of any such period shall be remitted in pursuance of these regulations.

(4) Where a pupil attended the school before he took up an aided place thereat then, in pursuance of these regulations -

(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 he has left the school or, if he remains at the school, after the end of the school year in which he attains 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 regulation, “school travel expenditure” includes school travel expenditure as defined in regulations 20 to 25 and “clothing expenditure” has the meaning assigned thereto by regulation 19(1).

Remission of charges for meals - day pupils

18.—(1) Subject to and in accordance with this paragraph, in the cases mentioned in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) the school shall remit part or the whole of any charges they would otherwise make for meals provided for a day pupil while he holds an aided place thereat.

(2) In the case of an aided pupil as respects whom the relevant income does not exceed £5,773, the school shall remit (save as provided in sub-paragraph (3)) one half of any charges for meals for the whole of the school year.

(3) Where the parents of an aided 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 supplementary benefit or family income supplement, then the school shall remit the whole of any charges for meals -

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

notwithstanding that the parents may cease to be in receipt of supplementary benefit or family income supplement between the school being so satisfied and the end of the school year in question.

Clothing grants

19.—(1) In this regulation “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 are 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 regulation, 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 £7,563 and in such case the grant shall be of an amount equal to so much of the clothing expenditure as does not exceed -

- (a) £115, where the relevant income does not exceed £6,638;
- (b) £87, where that income exceeds £6,638 but does not exceed £6,949;
- (c) £58, where that income exceeds £6,949 but does not exceed £7,248;
- (d) £29, where that income exceeds £7,248 but does not exceed £7,563.

Provided that any clothing grant which would fall to be paid in pursuance of this 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 paragraph (3) applies, clothing grant shall be payable in the case of an aided pupil as respects whom the relevant income does not exceed £7,248 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 a previous grant has been paid) as does not exceed -

- (a) £43, where the relevant income does not exceed £6,806,
- (b) £21, where that income exceeds £6,806 but does not exceed £7,248.

School travel expenditure qualifying for grants

20. Regulation 21, regulation 22, regulation 23, or, as the case may be, regulation 24 shall apply to the making of grants in respect of school travel expenditure, that is to say, subject to the regulation 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 Secretary of State;
- (c) by transport provided by an education authority; or
- (d) any combination thereof.

School travel grants - boarding pupils

21.—(1) This regulation 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, hoverport or airport within the British Islands and that place shall be disregarded.

School travel grants - weekly boarding pupils

22.—(1) This regulation 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 three miles 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 his expenses are in excess of what they would have been if the journey had been to his 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

23.—(1) This regulation 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 three miles 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 twenty-five miles each way by such transport as is mentioned in regulation 20, account shall be taken of only so much of the expenses as bears the same proportion to the full amount thereof as twenty-five miles bears to the length in miles 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.

24. 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

25.—(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 £6,819 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 £6,638.

(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 them 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.

Part-year remissions and grants

26.—(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 regulation 18,
- (b) school clothing grant under regulation 19,
- (c) school travel grant under regulations 20 to 25,

and the amount or extent thereof shall be determined as provided in regulation 9 in like manner as questions relating to fees remission in that year are determined under that last mentioned regulation; provided that in any case where the circumstances are such as are mentioned in either regulation 9(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) Regulations 9(2), 10, 11, 12(2), (3) and (4) and 13 and Schedule 1 shall apply for the purposes of regulations 17 to 25 as if references therein -

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

Remission of charges for field study courses

27.—(1) In this regulation 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 Examination Board 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 Secretary of State;

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 regulation.

(3) The remission of charges mentioned in 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) his parents are entitled in accordance with Part III of these regulations to remission of fees in whole or in part for the school year in which the course is held.

Reimbursement claims

28.—(1) Claims for reimbursements of fees remitted and grants made and charges remitted in pursuance of these regulations (hereinafter referred to as “reimbursement claims”) may be submitted to the Secretary of State by the school in respect of such periods, not being less than a term, as appear to it appropriate and, with his consent, claims may be submitted on the basis of an estimate of fees or charges so remitted or grants made (“provisional claims”); but, where a provisional claim is submitted, the school shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable, submit a reimbursement claim in respect of the period in question which is not based on such an estimate and that claim shall supersede the provisional claim.

(2) As soon as is reasonably practicable after he is satisfied as respects a reimbursement claim, the Secretary of State shall reimburse the school in pursuance of the claim in accordance with these regulations without prejudice, however, where he considers it expedient to do so, to his making earlier payments on account in pursuance of the reimbursement claim or in pursuance of a provisional claim in respect of the same period.

(3) Any overpayment or underpayment which appears to the Secretary of State to have occurred shall be adjusted as soon as is reasonably practicable by payments between the Secretary of State and the school and, in particular, but without prejudice to that generality, where the amount of any reimbursement claim under these regulations is less than the amount paid to the school under a provisional claim, the Secretary of State shall be entitled to recover the amount overpaid from the school and, without prejudice to any other method of recovery available to him, he may deduct the amount from the amount of any other reimbursement claim falling to be made to the school in accordance with these regulations.

Conditions of payment

29.—(1) Any reimbursement under these regulations shall be subject to the condition that the Secretary of State shall be satisfied that the school shall comply or shall have complied with the requirements specified in these regulations.

(2) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the school has failed to observe any of the conditions or requirements specified in these regulations in relation to any school year he may -

- (a) refuse to make payment in whole or in part of any claim falling to be made to the school in respect of the year in accordance with the regulations; or
- (b) withhold payment of such claim or such part thereof as he considers appropriate for such period or periods as he considers appropriate;

and where a reimbursement claim has been paid to the school in advance of the Secretary of State being so satisfied the Secretary of State shall be entitled to recover from the school such sum as he considers appropriate being a sum equal to the whole or such part of the payment made in respect of such claim as he thinks expedient, and without prejudice to any other method of recovery available to him he may deduct such sum from the amount of any other reimbursement claim falling to be made to that school in accordance with these regulations.

PART V

REQUIREMENTS AS TO SUPPLY OF INFORMATION, FEES ETC.

Publication of information

30. The school shall publish annually in a Scottish national newspaper circulating at least weekly, information on the following matters:-

- (a) that the school offers aided places through grants made under sections 73(f) and 74(1) of the Act;
- (b) one or more addresses and telephone numbers at which information about aided places may be obtained;
- (c) that on written application being made by parents of children eligible for a place, information about the school will be supplied to them;
- (d) that information about the school is available for inspection or reference purposes at the times and places stated.

Supply of information

31. The school shall supply in writing to the parent of a pupil eligible for an aided place in the school, on a written request being made therefor, information of the kinds specified in Schedule 2.

Updating of information

32. The school shall review yearly and revise as necessary its provision of information of the kinds specified in Schedule 2 and such provision shall at all times state the school year to which the information therein referred to relates or refers and shall contain a warning that although the information given is believed to be correct in relation to that year at a date specified in the provision, it should not be assumed that there will be no change in or affecting the matters covered by the provision -

- (a) before the commencement or during the course of the school year in question; or
- (b) in relation to subsequent school years.

Information available to the Secretary of State

33. The school shall furnish the Secretary of State with a copy of the information specified in Schedule 2 in whatever form it is supplied in accordance with regulation 31.

Information to Secretary of State

34. The school shall furnish the Secretary of State with -

- (a) information required to be supplied under regulation 31 revised as necessary in accordance with regulation 32 not later than the end of the school year in which revision is made;
- (b) such periodic returns and other information as he may require relating to the school or pupils thereat including in particular information relevant to an intended increase in fees for pupils at the school;
- (c) such information as he may require relating to any reimbursement claim or provisional claim submitted in accordance with these regulations.

Total number of aided places

35. The Secretary of State shall in consultation with the school, annually specify the maximum number of places for which fee remission will be granted and may specify the number of places to be allocated to day and boarding pupils.

Fees

36. The tuition and other fees and charges payable in respect of aided pupils attending the school shall be such as are for the time being approved by the Secretary of State and shall not include any sum to be paid into a bursary or similar fund; and the school shall not make it a condition of his attendance that any payment otherwise than in respect of fees be made to the school or into a fund specified by the school.

School accounts

37.—(1) The accounts of the school shall -

- (a) if the Secretary of State so requires, be kept in a form specified by him;
- (b) be audited by an independent auditor.

(2) At the request of the Secretary of State the school shall furnish him with copies of its accounts for such periods as he may specify together with copies of the auditor's certificate relating to them.

School governing body

38.—(1) If, after consultation with the school, the Secretary of State so directs, as from a date specified by him whichever of the following conditions as is specified in his direction shall apply in the case of the school, namely -

- (a) the governing body shall include one or two members, as he may specify, appointed by him, or
- (b) one or two persons representing him, as he may specify, shall be entitled to attend, and take part in any discussions at, meetings of the governing body notwithstanding that they are not members thereof and have no say in any decision taken.

(2) This regulation shall apply in relation to a committee or sub-committee of the governing body of the school and the meetings thereof as it applies in relation to the governing body and that body's meetings.

(3) A member of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools may at any time on prior arrangement with the school attend any audition arranged by the school for the selection of pupils to be admitted to the school.

Proposals relating to premises

39.—(1) Any proposals by the school -

- (a) to acquire new premises, or
- (b) to make alterations to existing premises,

shall be notified to the Secretary of State.

(2) If in the case of any such proposals he so requires, the proposals shall not be implemented without his approval which may be given either unconditionally or subject to conditions specified by him being fulfilled.

Proposals relating to boarding arrangements

40.—(1) Any proposals by the school -

- (a) to make arrangements for boarding pupils, or
- (b) to change existing arrangements for such pupils,

shall, if the Secretary of State so requires, be notified to him.

(2) If in the case of any such proposals he so requires, the proposals shall not be implemented without his approval which may be given either unconditionally or subject to conditions specified by him being fulfilled.

PART VI

Revocation

41. The St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) Regulations 1983(a), the St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) Amendment Regulations 1984(b) and the St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) Amendment Regulations 1985(c) are hereby revoked.

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New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
30th June 1986.

(a) S.I. 1983/1150.
(b) S.I. 1984/841.
(c) S.I. 1985/1183.

COMPUTATION OF INCOME

1.—(1) This Schedule shall have effect for the purposes of determining a person's income for the purposes of these regulations by reference to his total income.

(2) In this Schedule any reference to the Act of 1970 is a reference to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970(a).

2. Where any income of a person is not part of his total income by reason only that -
- (a) he is not resident, ordinarily resident or domiciled in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) the income does not arise in the United Kingdom, or
 - (c) the income arises from an office, service or employment, income from which is exempt from tax in pursuance of any enactment,

his income for the purposes of these regulations shall be computed as though the income first mentioned in this paragraph were part of his total income.

3. In so far as in ascertaining a person's total income any deductions fall to be made -
- (a) by way of personal reliefs provided for in Chapter II of Part I of the Act of 1970, otherwise than in section 18 thereof (reliefs for blind persons);
 - (b) in pursuance of Part IX of the Act of 1970 or of Chapter II of Part II of the Finance Act 1970(b), in respect of superannuation or other payments made by a person, or in respect of deductions made from his salary, for the purpose of securing the payment to or in respect of him of pensions, annuities or other future benefits;
 - (c) in respect of payments by way of relevant loan interest within the meaning of paragraph 2 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1982(c);
 - (d) in pursuance of section 75 of the Finance Act 1972(d), in respect of interest payments eligible for relief under that section by virtue of Part I of Schedule 9 to that Act and paragraphs 4(1)(a) and 4A of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1974(e) (loan for purchase or improvement of land) or by virtue of paragraph 24 of the said Schedule 1 (loan to purchase life annuity);
 - (e) in respect of any sums paid under a deed of covenant otherwise than to a child of the person concerned who is wholly or mainly dependent upon him;
 - (f) in pursuance of section 31 of the Finance Act 1977(f), in respect of earnings from work done abroad;
 - (g) in pursuance of section 42 of the Finance Act 1985(g) (relief for Class 4 contributions);
 - (h) in pursuance of section 37 of the Finance Act 1980(h) (relief for losses on unquoted shares in trading companies); or
 - (i) in pursuance of Part I of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1983(i) (relief for investment in corporate trades);

(a) 1970 c.10; the amending enactments (which relate to disqualifications for, and the amount of, reliefs) are not expressly relevant to these regulations.

(b) 1970 c.24.

(c) 1982 c.39.

(d) 1972 c.41, as amended by section 19 of the Finance Act 1974 (c.30) and section 26 of the Finance Act 1982 (c.39).

(e) 1974 c.30, as amended by section 36 of the Finance Act 1977 (c.36).

(f) 1977 c.36.

(g) 1985 c.54.

(h) 1980 c.48.

(i) 1983 c.28, amended by section 5 of and Schedule 1 to the Finance (No. 2) Act 1983 (c.49).

his income for the purposes of these regulations shall be computed as though those deductions did not fall to be made.

4. There shall be left out of account, in computing a persons's total income for the purposes of these regulations, any allowance paid to him by an adoption agency pursuant to a scheme approved by the Secretary of State under section 50(4) of the Adoption Act 1958(a) and any contribution paid to him by a local authority pursuant to section 50 of the Children Act 1975(b).

(a) 1958 c.5 (7 & 8 Eliz. 2); section 50(4) was inserted by section 32 of the Children Act 1975 (c.72).
(b) 1975 c.72.

INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL

- 1. Arrangements of the school for the admission of pupils.**
- 2. Any entrance requirements to be satisfied and any special categories of pupils considered in this respect.**
- 3. The name, address and telephone number of the school, the present roll, the stages covered, denominational affiliation, if any, and the sex or sexes of pupils admitted.**
- 4. The headteacher's name and the number of other teaching staff.**
- 5. Arrangements for parents offered or applying for a place in the school to visit the school.**
- 6. A statement of the school's educational aims.**
- 7. The range and level of curriculum provided for pupils of different ages; provision for religious education and arrangements for parents who wish to withdraw their child from the religious education provided; policy or practice on homework; subject options and choices available and arrangements for parents to be consulted about such choices and provision for curricular, personal and careers guidance.**
- 8. Arrangements for assessing pupils' progress and reporting this to parents.**
- 9. Any arrangements made at or in connection with the school for pupils with special educational needs.**
- 10. Extra-curricular activities.**
- 11. Facilities available for sports and outdoor activities.**
- 12. Policy or practice on clothing or uniform; approximate cost of each item of required uniform; and any assistance given with costs.**
- 13. Policy or practice on discipline, including corporal punishment; school rules; action to be taken by parents and schools respectively in the event of a pupil's absence.**
- 14. Arrangements for health care.**
- 15. Organisation of school day; times of arrival and dismissal; school term dates and holidays for the forthcoming session.**
- 16. Policy or practice with regard to mixed ability classes, streaming or setting.**
- 17. Policy or practice with regard to entering pupils for public examinations and the following information for the most recent school year for which the information was available at the date of supplying the information:-**
 - (i) the number of pupils who attained each band of awards in each such public examination, shown separately for each subject and for each stage of secondary education;**
 - (ii) the number of pupils in each of the school stages concerned, shown separately for each stage, as recorded in the first term of the school year to which the examination results relate.**
- 18. Any financial assistance to pupils available under schemes administered by the school.**

19. Arrangements for meals/snacks taken at school and any assistance given with costs, facilities for the consumption of packed lunches.

20. Any arrangements for the transport of pupils to and from school and any assistance given with costs.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations consolidate, with amendments, the St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) Regulations 1983 which, with regulations amending them, are revoked by regulation 41. The regulations come into operation on 1st August 1986.

The regulations provide for the payment of grant to the managers of St Mary's Music School, Edinburgh to reimburse them for their expenditure in respect of fees or charges remitted and grants made by the school for pupils holding aided places at the school. Changes of substance are described below.

Part I makes general provision for citation and commencement and interpretation. The definition of parents in regulation 2 is extended to cover the cases where an unmarried parent having actual custody of a child marries a person other than the child's natural parent and where a child is the subject of a supervision requirement (regulation 2).

Part III deals with the remission of fees. The extent of remission is determined by reference to relevant income (defined in regulation 11). The level of income at or below which fees are remitted is increased from £5,500 to £5,859 for boarders with corresponding increases in the income scales to determine the parental contribution (regulation 14). For day pupils the relevant income is increased from £6,900 to £7,359 with parents' residual liability for fees being 10% of the difference where relevant income exceeds that amount (regulation 15).

Part IV deals with the incidental expenses of pupils holding aided places and provides for making grants in respect of school travel grants (regulations 20 to 25) and clothing grants (regulation 19) with the remission of charges for meals (regulation 18) and certain field study courses (regulation 27):

School travel grant is remitted in full where the relevant income does not exceed £6,819 (formerly £6,389) and scaled down where relevant income exceeds that figure.

The limit of relevant income for clothing grant in the pupil's first year is raised from £7,075 to £7,563, with corresponding increases in the maximum amount of grant payable where relevant income is below that figure, varying from £115 to £29 (formerly £108 and £27); and in subsequent years from £6,806 to £7,248 with maximum grants of £43 and £21 (formerly £40 and £20).

Charges for school meals are remitted in full where the parents are in receipt of supplementary benefit or family income supplement, and as to one half where relevant income does not exceed £5,773 (formerly £5,400).

Charges for field courses are remitted in full where the parents are entitled to remission of fees under regulations 14 and 15.

References to the relevant Income Tax legislation in Schedule 1 are uprated and maintenance contributions paid by a local authority to the person having custody of a child under the Children Act 1975 are to be left out of account in computing a person's total income.

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