

William Gilpin C. of E. Primary School

Charging Policy

Introduction

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to cover the cost of these experiences, these planned activities will have to be cancelled.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- Visits to museums
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses or external expertise
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to the theatre
- School trips
- Musical events
- Cost of visitors coming into school to enhance an area of the curriculum.

Residential Visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide and enhance education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do ask for a voluntary contribution to cover the full cost of the visit.

Music Tuition

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. When peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small groups, we make a charge for these lessons.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place, and we ask parents for their written permission for their child to take part in swimming lessons. We do, however, ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of transport.

Charging in Kind

The Governing Body reserves the right to charge for ingredients and materials or require them to be provided, if the parents have indicated in advance, that they wish to own the finished product for the following subjects: Design Technology, Science and Art and Craft

The Governing Body may wish to remit in full or in part the cost of other activities for particular groups of parents, for example, in the case of family hardship. When arranging a chargeable activity such parents will be invited in confidence, to request for the remission of charges in full or in part. The Headteacher in consultation with the Chairman of Governors will make authorisation for such a remission.

This policy will be reviewed in the Summer Term 2013.

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