



Whitchurch CE Junior School

Charging Policy

March 2015

Visits and activities within school hours

If a visit takes place in school hours, then parents will be asked to pay on a voluntary basis; this includes parents of children entitled to Free School Meals, who will be asked to make a contribution should the total cost be unaffordable. Visits are costed on everyone taking part, so if there are not sufficient contributions then the visit will have to be cancelled.

Note: Letters to parents make it clear that contributions are voluntary but to also inform that a particular activity cannot take place without some help from parents; it should also be made clear that children of parents who do not contribute will not be treated differently.

Visits and activities outside school hours

Where an activity is arranged to take place in the evening, weekend or during the holidays all those who take part will have to pay the full cost. The school may use specific (pupil premium) funding for such visits if they are identified as being of particular benefit for pupils who receive free school meals.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Charges will be made for the teaching of a musical instrument. These charges will be paid directly to the LA who provide the tuition. Children entitled to Free School Meals are funded through an LA subsidy.

Activities not run by the school or LA

For such activities the charges will be such to cover the cost of tuition only.

Other Charges

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
- Outdoor adventure activities
- Visits to the theatre
- Curriculum based visits
- Visits to the school from theatre companies, workshop providers etc
- Musical Events

Lettings to outside agencies

The Governing Body has agreed to allow the school premises, including the school playing field, to be let out for community use if requested and assuming that the letting has no detrimental effect on the school premises or the working of the school. Charges are decided by the Governors and reviewed annually.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. A charge is made for swimming in order to help to cover the cost of the pool hire, lifeguard and the swimming coach (obligatory when taking pupils to the Whitchurch swimming pool). 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 the swimming lessons.

After School Clubs

The school offers additional after school clubs. Most clubs are run by Whitchurch CE Junior School staff and are free of charge. As part of our agreement with Sportscape, who teach games during PPA afternoons, a fee paying after school club is offered. Payment for this is made directly to Sportscape.

Agreed by the Governing Body on : 5th March 2015

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