



'Valuing Learning, Learning to Value'

Charging Policy

Policy status

Recommended

General Statement

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum with the exception of individual or group music tuition. We may however ask parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the expenses of hiring a specialist teacher, visitor, performer or towards the cost of trips.

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. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

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. These activities are known as 'optional extras'. This list is not exhaustive:

- visits to museums
- sporting activities which require transport expenses
- outdoor adventure activities
- visits to the theatre
- musical events

Residential visits

Currently Yorkley school organises a residential visit for years 5/6 every other year. This is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum. We can not make any charge for the education, however, we do make a charge to cover the costs of travel, board and lodging and additional activities that may not be linked to the National Curriculum.

For families who have 2 or more siblings going in the same year, or who are on Free School Meals, we do try and provide some financial support if requested. Deposits linked to residential are non-returnable.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. When we invite specialist teachers to teach music lesson, we do ask for a voluntary contribution to help fund them. This rate has already been subsidised this year by 50% via the Music Hub grant.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for a range of ages across the school. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We do ask parents for a voluntary contribution towards the additional cost of hiring the pool, lifeguards, swimming instructors and travel. 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.

Damage to school property

In the event of loss / damage to school property, parents/carers will be notified in writing of a requirement to pay an agreed contribution within one term of the damage being done. In accordance with the finance policy, if the replacement requires three quotes, governors will be consulted.

Links with other policies:

Health and Safety Policy

Policy Review

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