

Begbrook Primary Academy

Charging Policy

Introduction

All education during school hours is free with the exception of individual or group music tuition (see 4 below).

School trips/visits and activities during in school time –voluntary contributions

When organising school activities, trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents/carers to contribute to the cost. All contributions are voluntary.

If sufficient voluntary contributions are not made a proposed event it will be cancelled. If the event does proceed each child would be allowed to participate fully without discrimination irrespective of contribution circumstances.

Parents/Carers have a right to know how each individual trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

The following is a list of additional activities sometimes 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 –sometimes involving transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visiting theatre groups to the school;
- musical events.

Parents/Carers will be given reasonable advanced notice of proposed visits/ activities and school will provide details of how each individual voluntary contribution amount has been determined. Staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant. Children who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals will have the costs reduced by half. The extra money to cover these children will come from Pupil Premium funding which the school receives to directly spend on these children.

Staff will try to raise money towards school trips through cake sales when appropriate and PTFA donations towards events will also be used.

Residential visits -Charges

If the school organises a residential (NB at Schools discretion) visit in school time or mainly school time, which is to provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, we do not make any charge for the education. However, we do make a charge to cover the costs of transport, board and lodging. If parents are experiencing financial difficulty they are invited to contact the Principal. The school allocates funding for a number of places for children in receipt of Free School Meals for those parents who apply for support.

Parents/Carers will be given advanced notice of proposed residential visit opportunities together with an early indication of charges and voluntary contribution requests and staged payments may be arranged where contributions are significant.

Music tuition

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

Visiting music teachers offer individual or small group music tuition at the school which is additional to the National Curriculum. We give parents information about availability of this facility at the start of each academic year and a charge is made for these lessons.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all 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 or for associated transport costs. 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.

Out of School clubs and activities

The school offers a range of out-of-school clubs –and reserves the right to charge for such sessions to cover the cost of provision where those activities are not directly aimed at providing educational benefit to pupils.

Loss of/ Damage to School Property

Parents/Carers may be asked to meet the costs of repair/replacement of school property lost or damaged as a result of a pupil's misbehaviour (this includes home reading books)

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