



Wynyard

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Charging Policy

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1.0 Purpose

The Governing Body recognises the valuable contribution that a wide range of activities, including school visits, residential experiences and clubs, can make towards all aspects of pupils' education. The Governing Body would accordingly wish to promote and provide as far as possible such activities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for the benefit of pupils of the school.

2.0 National Curriculum

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 music tuition and occasional specific events.

3.0 Voluntary contributions

When organising educational visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of that visit. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may have to cancel a visit. If a visit goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

1. If a parent wishes their child to take part in an educational visit but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit.
2. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.
3. The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, for which voluntary contributions from parents are requested. 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
 - Day educational visits
 - Musical events

4.0 Residential Visits

The school will charge for the board and lodging element of residential activities.

The school may allocate Pupil Premium funding to support eligible pupils to attend a residential trip.

No child will be excluded from attending a school trip on financial grounds.

5.0 Music Tuition

1. All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.
2. There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year. Should an opportunity arise where free tuition were available the school would take advantage of this scheme.

6.0 Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Key Stage 1. 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.

7.0 Clubs

The school offers additional clubs after school. A mixture of school staff and external coaches run and organise these sessions. The majority of clubs are free of charge/funded by school, but there may need to be a nominal charge at times to cover additional costs.

8.0 Breakfast and Tea Clubs

These clubs are facilitated by a Supervisory Assistant. Both clubs are subject to charge.

1. Breakfast Club is £3 from 7.30am and £2 from 8am.
2. Tea Club is £1.50 for every half-hour attended

9.0 Breakages and Damage to School Property

The Governing Body reserves the right to seek reparation from parents where their children cause breakages or damage to school property.

10.0 Other charges

The Head Teacher, Finance Committee or Governing Body may levy charges for miscellaneous services up to the cost of providing such services e.g. for providing a copy of an OFSTED report

11.0 Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.

12.0 Approval by the Trust Board

This policy has been formally approved and adopted by the Trust Board

Signed: _____

(Chair of Trust Board)