



Eastern Primary School Charging Policy

Introduction

At Eastern Primary School we believe that children benefit from a rich and varied education and that the use of a range of extra curricular opportunities is invaluable in enhancing the curriculum.

All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum: this includes individual music tuition, visits and visitors and materials used in lessons such as art or DT.

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 will include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others. Parents are informed of this clearly, in writing, at the time requests for voluntary contributions are made.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in such 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 organized by the school, which the school may request 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 and musical events;
- visitors to school such as authors, musicians or theatre groups.

Residential visits

If the school organises a residential 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 board and lodging and travel.

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. 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.

After school clubs

The school offers a variety of extra-curricular clubs. There is no charge for these.

The policy will be next reviewed during Autumn 2017

Signed..... (Chair of Governors)

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