



Paulerspury C.E Primary School

Charging Policy

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Our policies are written with our School Values in mind. These are:
Care, Courage, Creativity, Forgiveness, Honesty, Hope, Perseverance, Respect,
Responsibility, Thankfulness and Trust.

Historic

Parent choice

Staff/Governor choice

Pupil choice

Introduction

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.

Voluntary contributions for activities as part of the Curriculum

When organising school trips, visits or workshop activities which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the activity. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the activity.

If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school visit or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, the child is still allowed to participate fully in the visit or activity as long as parental consent has been given.

If appropriate, and funds allow, the school or the Friends of the School may pay a proportion of the costs in order to support a visit. Parents have a right to know how each visit is funded.

Music Tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. Extra-curricular clubs such as choir or recorder are also without charge.

There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum. This charge is paid directly to the County Music Centre which provides peripatetic music teachers to teach individuals or small group lessons on the school site. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each school year.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for years 3-6. Lessons take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We do not ask for a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of this provision. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place and we ask for their written permission for their child to take part in these.

Optional Extra Activities

(Activities which take place wholly or mainly outside school hours and are not required in order to fulfil statutory duties relating to the National Curriculum or to Religious Education)

It is the Governors' policy to charge for such activities organised by the school. The basis for calculating the charge will be proportionate for each participating pupil for travel, board & lodging, materials, books, equipment, entrance fees and insurance.

The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents. This list is not exhaustive:

- After school clubs that require additional resources
- Sporting activities which require transport expenses;
- outdoor adventure activities;
- visits to the theatre;
- school visits;
- musical events.

Residential Visits

The school organises an annual residential visit for Years 3 - 6 children. The cost of the visits includes board & lodging, transport, materials, entrance to any sites visited and charges for any activities to be experienced.

Where available, financial support will be provided for children of families on forms of income support or in special circumstances, to enable them to take part in the option of their choice. This is stated clearly on letters and is dealt with discretely and in confidence by the Head Teacher. Parents will be given the option of a payment plan to spread the costs of the residential visit.

Charging in Kind

The cost of ingredients, materials, equipment etc. needed for practical subjects such as Food Technology or Design Technology is budgeted for and provided by the school. However, the school may charge for or require the supply of ingredients and materials if the product is to be owned and taken home by the child afterwards e.g. food products, models containing electrical equipment or batteries. The school will inform parents prior to activities, giving them the choice to pay for materials or purchase their own materials for the activity.

Breakages & Fines

The Governors reserve the right to ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing any item such as:

- broken windows
- defaced, damaged or lost text books
- any item damaged as a result of unsatisfactory pupil behaviour.

Charities

In response to our school ethos regarding community involvement, we raise money for charities. This is entirely voluntary with no requirement to contribute.

Monitoring

The implementation of this policy is monitored by the Finance Committee of the Schools' Governing Body and reviewed every two years or in response to DfE or LGSS guidance.