

# Charging Policy



## Christ Church C of E Primary School

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## 1 Introduction

All education during school hours is free, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition. A request for a voluntary contribution is made for transport or admission costs for swimming lessons or for visits to museums, etc. during school hours.

## 2 Voluntary contributions

When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost. 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 or by a theatre company;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

## 3 Residential visits

If the school organises a residential visit in school time, or mainly in 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. Schools are permitted to charge for the cost of board and lodging during residential school trips. This cost must not exceed the actual cost of the provision.

Where the trip takes place wholly or mainly during school hours, children whose parents are unable to meet the cost of this trip will be entitled to the remission of these charges.

## 4 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 small-group music tuition, since this is an additional curriculum activity, and not part of the National Curriculum. These individual or small-group lessons are taught by peripatetic music teachers. We make a charge for these lessons, but parents in receipt of state benefits are entitled to a bursary and free instrument hire. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

## **5 Swimming**

The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We ask for voluntary contributions to support the school's costs. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

## **6 After School activities**

The school offers additional after school activities. These are sometimes run by qualified third party providers and a charge is made. We will also ask for voluntary contributions towards costs of materials or ingredients at school run clubs.

## **7 Monitoring and review**

This policy is monitored by the governing body, and will be reviewed in two years, or earlier if necessary.

## **8. Pre-school sessions**

The school asks for a nominal fee of £1.00 per session to cover costs.

**Signed:**

**Date:**