

Roseberry Primary School

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Charging Policy

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Policy on Charging

Introduction

All the education we provide during normal school hours is at no charge to pupils. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum, with the exception of some individual or small-group music tuition.

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, and the school provides this information via the initial letter sent out.

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.

Residential visits

Residential visits in school time, or mainly in school time, which provide education directly related to the National Curriculum, will not be charged for. However, a charge will be made to cover the costs of board and lodging. Parents in receipt of state benefits are exempt from this charge. If insufficient funds are received the visit will be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

Visits that take place outside of school hours will incur a charge at an appropriate rate.

Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. There is no charge for this.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all children in Year 3. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. There is no charge for this activity.

After School Clubs

Clubs offered after school are generally free from charge. Where specialist teachers or coaches are used a small charge may be levied. Clubs incurring costs for materials and/or equipment may request a contribution to the costs.

Monitoring and review

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