

Ramshaw Primary School

Charging Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the National Curriculum.

2 Voluntary contributions

2.1 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 may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.2 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.

2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organized 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 the theatre;
- school trips abroad;
- musical events.

3 Residential visits

3.1 If the school organises a residential visit in school time or weekends, we suggest a charge to cover the costs of board and lodging and travel. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled.

3.2 Children who are entitled to pupil premium or looked after children may be subsidised for part/all of the cost of a residential visits using the school's Pupil Premium funding. In other circumstances the Governing Body will invite parents to apply in confidence to the Head Teacher for the remission of charges in part or full. The Head Teacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors will make authorisation of remission.

4 Music tuition

4.1 All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this.

4.2 There is a charge for individual or group music tuition if this is not part of the National Curriculum.

5 Swimming

5.1 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.

6 Football/After School Clubs

6.1 The school offers additional Sports coaching after school. A qualified coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organizes these sessions. We make a small charge for these sessions.

6.2 The school offers approximately 3 after school clubs each week. There is a small charge of £2.00 per child for each session. Being a small school, we often need to subsidise these clubs, but we are happy to do so.

7 School Travel

7.1 We may invite parents to contribute towards the cost of transport if children are transported to an extra-curricular activity. We use these charges only to offset the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit. If parents cannot make the full contribution due to financial restraints, or their children are entitled to Free School Meals please contact the School Office. Please do not assume your child would not be able to go if you are unable to contribute the full amount requested.

8 Breakfast Club

8.1 Breakfast Club is available Monday to Friday and the daily cost is £1 per day. Parents who receive Free School Meals are exempt from payment as part of our Pupil Premium Spending.

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