



Fulbrook Middle School

Charging Policy

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Policy on Charging

1 Introduction

- 1.1 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.

2 Voluntary contributions

- 2.1 When organising school trips or visits to enrich the curriculum and the educational experience of the children, the school invites parents and carers 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 or carers 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 allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents and carers have the 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, organised by the school, which require voluntary contributions from parents and carers. 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

- 3.1 Residential visits can only run if the school is able to raise sufficient funding through contributions. For pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, the school – from the Pupil Premium Grant - pays 50% towards the cost of the trip.

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 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. A charge is made for these lessons, but parents and carers in receipt of Pupil Premium funding are expected to commit to paying for one third (the equivalent of one term) of the annual tuition costs, with two thirds (two terms) covered by the school. We give parents and carers information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

6 Sports clubs

- 6.1 The school offers additional sports coaching after school sometimes. A coach, who is not a member of the school staff, runs and organises these sessions. A small charge is made for these sessions.

7 School minibus

- 7.1 We normally charge if children are transported in the minibus to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these charges only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.