

Bullion Lane Primary School

Charging Policy

1 Introduction

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

2 Voluntary contributions

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 a trip goes ahead, it will 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 the theatre;
- musical events.

3. Residential Trips

If the school organises a residential trip in school time or mainly 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 the board, lodging and travel expenses. If parents are experiencing financial difficulties then a subsidy will be given to those parents.

4 Music tuition

All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. However there is a charge if children want to receive instrument lessons from the Music Service.

5 Activities Outside School Hours

No charge is made for activities that are outside of school hours and are part of the curriculum. However, we may ask for a contribution towards materials in some cases.

6 Damage/Loss to property

In cases of wilful or malicious damage to equipment or breakages, or loss of school books on loan to children, the Head teacher in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Body may decide it right to make a charge. Each incident will be dealt with on its own merit and at their discretion.

7 Lettings

The school will make its facilities available to outside users at a charge of at least the cost of providing the facilities. The scale of charges is determined annually by the Finance Committee and form part of our separate Lettings policy

8 Breakfast Club

We have 2 nominal charges for breakfast club. 7.30am onwards is £2.00 and 8.00am onwards is £1.50. This covers a healthy breakfast, activities and care. If parents are experiencing financial difficulties then a subsidy will be given to those parents. Children involved with other agencies may be offered a free breakfast.

9 Other charges

The Headteacher, Finance committee or Governing Body may levy charges for miscellaneous services up to the cost of providing such services, e.g.

Photocopying