

South Ascot Village School

Charging Policy

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. However, we may charge for some additional extra activities.

2 Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 The aims of this policy will:
- set out what the school will not charge for, what it will make a charge for or request a voluntary contribution from parents/carers;
 - clarify how charges will be determined, so parents and carers understand why requests for payment are sometimes made for some activities.

3 Voluntary contributions

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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 and carers have a right to know how each trip is funded, and the school provides this information on request.
- 3.3 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;
 - fieldtrips and research visits;
 - sporting activities which require transport expenses;
 - outdoor adventure activities;
 - visits to or by a theatre company;
 - musical events.
 - Year 5 residential trip

4 Residential visits

- 4.1 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, lodging and travel, children who qualify for Pupil Premium may be exempt from this charge. If we cannot raise sufficient funding through these voluntary contributions, the visit may have to be cancelled, and that aspect of the curriculum would have to be covered in other ways.

5 Music tuition

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

6 Swimming

6.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity, but we do ask for a voluntary contribution from parents and carers to cover the cost of heating and maintaining the pool. We inform parents and carers when these lessons are to take place.

8 School transport

8.1 We may request a voluntary contribution if children are transported in the minibus to an extra-curricular activity. However, we use these payments only to cover the expenses of the trip, and not to make a profit.

9 After School Clubs

9.1 All after school clubs are delivered by volunteers and no charge is made to parents or carers. A small charge may be incurred to cover the cost of materials such as cooking ingredients.

10 Monitoring and review

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

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