

Charging Policy: Friarage Community Primary School

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 with the exception of individual or group music tuition.

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 may 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 visits

- 3.1 If the school organises a residential visit 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 board and lodging. Parents who receive state benefits may be exempt from payment or pay a reduced rate.

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. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons. They make a charge for these lessons. Parents in receipt of state benefits may be exempt from payment. We give parents information about additional music tuition at the start of each academic year.

5 Swimming

- 5.1 The school organises swimming lessons for all children in KS2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. There is no charge for these lessons, however we do ask for a donation towards the cost of transport.

6 School Dinners

- 6.1 All children in KS1 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal, however parents of children who are entitled to a FSM (on the basis of economic entitlement) should ask at the office for an application form.

6.2 Children in KS2 are charged £2.20 per day for a school meal. These should be paid for online using Parentpay (www.parentpay.com), details are available from the School Office. Parents of children who are entitled to a FSM should ask at the office for an application form.

7 Nursery

7.1 Children in Nursery are entitled to access up to 15 or 30 hours of free nursery provision per week, depending on parental eligibility.
(<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>)

A parental agreement will be required in relation to the funded hours provision. Additional sessions may be available in nursery but this is dependent upon the number of children who are attending for funded sessions to whom priority will be given. Sessions will consist of 3 hours and will be charged at £10 per session. The nursery staff will liaise with parents with regard to available sessions. Sessions must be paid for in advance and once booked are non-refundable.

Nursery Lunches are available and cost £1.70 per day.

8 School Lettings

8.1 These are considered on an individual basis by Governors.

Signed:

J Jefferson, Chair of Governors

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